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Rescued boy succumbs to hypothermia

TRAGEDY A Cape Breton boy who died in hospital after miraculously surviving two nights lost in the frozen wilderness was remembered yesterday as a calm and quiet child whose big brown eyes did most of the talking.

James Delorey, 7, succumbed to severe hypothermia less than a day after he was found unconscious in a densely wooded area of the island, about a kilometre from his home in South Bar, N.S.

Rescue officials said the boy, who had followed the family dog into the woods Saturday, wasn't wearing a winter coat. His vital signs were weak when he was found Monday laying in the fetal position, covered in a light dusting of snow.

"The family would like to thank everyone involved in James's care," the boy's mother said in a statement.

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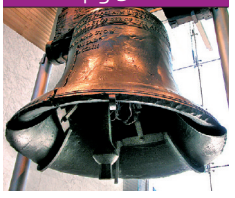

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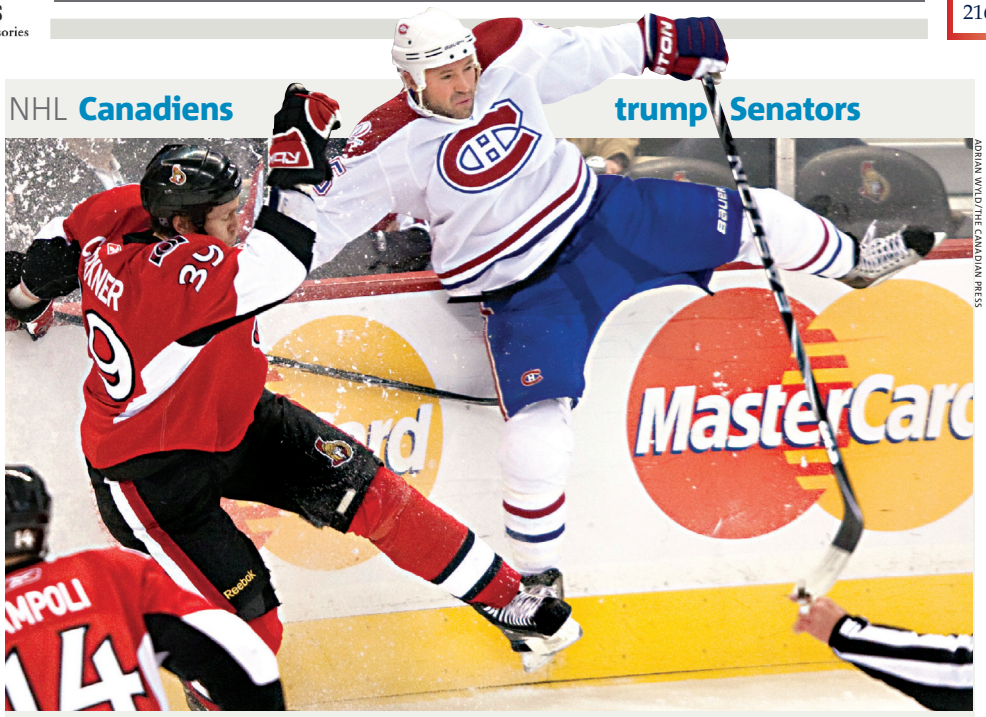

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Montreal Canadiens' Glen Metropolit, right, and Ottawa Senators' Matt Carkner collide along the boards during second period NHL action at Scotiabank Place last night. The Sens lost 4-1. See game recap, page 18.

Report slams RCMP

Cops inappropriate in Tasering Dziekanski: Watchdog

The federal watchdog over the RCMP has passed judgment on allegations that have haunted the Mounties since Robert Dziekanski's death: Officers acted inappropriately when they repeatedly shocked him with a Taser and their versions of events simply aren't credible.

"The versions of events given to investigators by the four RCMP officers involved ... are not deemed credible by my commission."
Paul Kennedy, federal watchdog

Paul Kennedy, who chairs the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP, said yesterday that although he had access to the four officers' notes and to their testimony before a public inquiry, he found that evidence unreliable.

Instead, Kennedy relied on an amateur video of the incident, which has become the central piece of evidence in the investigations and debates that followed the fatal confrontation two years ago.

"The versions of events given to investigators by the four RCMP officers involved in the Vancouver International Airport in-custody death of Robert Dziekanski are not deemed credible by my commission," Kennedy told reporters. "They gave their explanations at the time in their notes and so on, and what I've chosen to do in my analysis is to look at the Pritchard video."

Kennedy's scathing report criticizes nearly everything the officers did at Vancouver's airport on Oct. 14, 2007, and chastises the force overall for inadequate training and an unwillingness to heed commission recommendations.

The 208-page report is the latest blow to the RCMP in a case that has fuelled public outrage from the beginning, and it may not be the last, as the final report from a public inquiry in B.C. is yet to come.

Canada's national police force has long defended the actions of the four officers, who have not been charged or faced any formal discipline for what happened.

But Kennedy said their repeated use of a Taser was wrong and their explanations unconvincing.

"Use of the conducted energy weapon (Taser) against Mr. Dziekanski was premature and inappropriate," Kennedy told reporters in Vancouver.

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Last chance for shot at clinic sites

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Flu Outbreak

CLOSURES Saturday is the last day for Ottawa residents to receive an H1N1 vaccine from one of the city's mass vaccination clinic sites.

With a decreased demand for the vaccine and the second wave of the virus passed in the capital, Ottawa Public Health has announced that all fixed mass vaccination clinic sites will close at the end of day Saturday.

The vaccine will remain available to anyone who wants it. Starting next week, OPH will operate reduced numbers of vaccine clinics to provide residents with continued access to both the H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines. The clinic schedule will be announced later this week.

In addition, both vaccines will continue to be available in local doctors' offices, community health-care centres, workplaces, and post-secondary campuses over the next few weeks.

In the meantime, residents are encouraged to come out this week to get the vaccine while a full complement of clinics is available, said the city's medical officer of health Dr. Isra Levy.

Top doc

- As of this past weekend, OPH has distributed over 400,000 doses of the H1N1 vaccine — accounting for 47 per cent of the population — to Ottawa residents, said Dr. Isra Levy, the city's medical officer of health.

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Trio of city doctors to carry torch for CMA

Three local doctors will be trading in their stethoscopes for sneakers and mittens to carry the Olympic torch when it comes through the region Monday. Ottawa doctor Dr. Neda Amani Golshani, Nepean doctor and founding director of the CMA Centre for Physician Health and Well-being Dr. Todd Watkins and Dr. Alexander Kolodzielj, a psychiatrist with the University of Ottawa Health Services, were selected by their colleagues at the Canadian Medical Association to carry the torch in Cornwall next week. METRO OTTAWA

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Humane society rescue agent to help in Toronto

INVESTIGATION The Ottawa Humane Society has sent one of its rescue agents to Toronto to assist in the ongoing investigation into operations at the Toronto Humane Society. The Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals asked the OHS for its aid late last week. The OHS agent will be helping to check animal health and welfare, likely until Christmas.

Five Toronto Humane Society staff members, along with the society's board of directors, were charged with animal cruelty under the Ontario SPCA Act Nov. 26. METRO OTTAWA

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Design lost on city council, says architect

Resignations a wake-up call

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When it comes to designing quality space, there is something broken at city hall, according to Rick MacEwen, one of seven architects who resigned from the city's Downtown Ottawa Urban Design Review Panel yesterday.

Imagine Ottawa without any of the property built and maintained by the federal government — Parliament Hill, the Rideau Canal, Vincent Massey and Gatineau Parks, the Experimental Farm, Rideau Hall and the River Parkways. Now, remove any building older than 30 years old, the churches and the buildings in the ByWard Market. "The stuff you are left with is purely unremarkable. As an architect, that's a damning confession, but other cities do better than we do," said MacEwen, a partner with Watson MacEwen Teramura Architects.

To illustrate his point, MacEwen pointed out that in the last 25 years, Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver have won dozens of Governor General's Medals of Architecture. Ottawa's solitary medal during that time was for the federally owned and built Canadian War Museum.

The last straw was the Lansdowne Partnership plan, he said.

Councillors have consistently ignored the city's official plan by accepting cheap and easy designs for new buildings, he said.

The resignation is intended to be wake-up call to take design more seriously.

"We could send letters and have meetings and exchange emails and it would not be effective. It becomes lost on these guys," he said. "The folks on city council are oblivious to anything unless you wave it in their faces and make a big deal about it."

Review panel

- The Downtown Ottawa Urban Design Review Panel was created in 2005 to review urban design elements of new developments in the downtown core and encourage innovative design, but Rick MacEwen said panel members have been frustrated by a belief that they are just window dressing without serious support from city council.

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NAC Dickens' Christmas Carol

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Ron Kennell, as Bob Cratchit, and Ottawa's Joshua Bajpai, as Tiny Tim, rehearse a scene yesterday from the National Arts Centre English Theatre Company's production of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. The show, which previews tonight and tomorrow, opens Friday night.

About 17% of city employers plan on Q1 hiring: Survey

While most Ottawa employers intend to maintain their staffing levels for the first part of 2010, about 17 per cent plan to hire for the new year, a survey released yesterday said.

The Manpower Employment Outlook Survey said 17 per cent of employers plan to hire for January to March, said Devon Rutherford of Ottawa's Manpower.

In the meantime, 13 per cent of employers anticipate cutbacks.

Nationally, 15 per cent of Canadian employers plan to increase their payrolls and 70 per cent of employers expect to maintain their current staffing levels in the first quarter of 2010.

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Mayor fails grade with green group

COUNCIL A handful of local politicians — including Mayor Larry O'Brien — has received failing grades from Ecology Ottawa for impeding environmental progress, the group said yesterday.

Ecology Ottawa, which released its annual report card on the environmental performance of Ottawa's mayor and city councillors yesterday, awarded seven council members a grade of D or lower.

The report — which reviews 14 key environmental decisions made by council over the past year and assigns a grade to the mayor and each councillor based on the votes he or she cast — gave O'Brien and councillors Steve Desroches, Eli El-Chantiry, Jan Harder, Gord Hunter and Doug Thompson a D or F.

"Looking over the record since 2002, we can see several councillors emerging as stubborn impediments to environmental progress," the report stated.

Scoring a B or higher, the environmental leaders were councillors Michel Bellemare, Georges Bédard, Alex Cullen, Clive Doucet, Diane Holmes, Peter Hume, Jacques Legendre, and Christine Leadman.

"If we want a sustainable future, we must demand environmental leadership at the municipal level," said Ecology Ottawa chairman Graham Saul.

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Tsunami relief leaves a lasting legacy

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Ottawa resident and Canadian Red Cross delegate Pamela Davie, left, has been working in tsunami-affected countries since the early days of the original disaster response.

During a recent visit to a housing site in eastern Sri Lanka, Canadian Red Cross delegate Pamela Davie noticed an older man sitting in a temporary shelter that had been set up after the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami in the Indian Ocean, rather than in the concrete, red-tile roof, earthquake-resistant home built for him by relief workers.

When she asked why he wasn't sitting on the veranda of his new home, he said the hut gave him the best view of his new home. He said he admired the home because he never imagined he'd be able to pass on to his children a house with a roof that didn't leak during the monsoons.

To support relief efforts after the tsunami, Canadians donated $360 million to the Canadian Red Cross, with $1.9 million coming from Ottawa residents.

"The impact that this extreme generosity has had is not just on people affected by the tsunami, but for generations to come," said Davie, an Ottawa-based delegate working on the rehabilitation of Sri Lanka.

The funds helped the Red Cross build over 6,500 new homes, repair hospitals and community centres and help five million survivors rebuild their lives. They also trained thousands of disaster response volunteers across Indonesia, Sri Lanka, the Maldives and India.

Nearing the five-year anniversary of the event, Davie said many areas are almost unrecognizable compared to when she first arrived in January 2005.

In many places, said Davie, the infrastructure is better now than it was before the tsunami, but recent earthquakes and other natural disasters have increased demand on Red Cross services.

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From left, Graham Mainwood, 13, Kyle Magee, 7, and Zachary Basanda, 11, rehearse the East End Theatre Company's Christmas Panto, opening at the Shenkman Arts Centre on Dec. 18.

Aladdin reinvented

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THEATRE Most stories of Aladdin don't have a scene involving the Ottawa Senators working at a laundromat in China, but the East End Theatre Christmas Panto's is not the usual Aladdin story.

The production is very loosely based on the Arabian Nights tale of Aladdin and his Wonderful Lamp, but the East End Theatre version of the story starts in China before moving to Egypt.

"There is lots of innuendo for the adults," said director Diane Barnett. "There are ghosts and a mummy in the great pyramid ... there's singing and dancing. It's a complete comedy package."

For its first seven years, the annual Christmas Panto was held in the 180-seat auditorium of the old Orleans town hall building, but this year, they've moved to the Shenkman Arts Centre.

Pantomime follows a 1700s tradition of presenting "low" stage plays during the December holidays when reputable theatre companies had shut down, said Barnett. Plots generally follow the same formula, but with jokes updated to appeal to the local audience. Barnett said they poke fun at the premier, the Ottawa Senators, and the mayor and city councillors.

Shows

- The company, comprised entirely of volunteers, is performing five shows over the Dec. 18 weekend.

University of Ottawa grants students' wishes, approves fall reading week

EDUCATION A fall reading week is now a reality at the University of Ottawa. Following a student referendum in 2006 that indicated strong support for the initiative, VP university affairs Ted Horton presented vice-rector academic Francois Houle with a proposal for the creation of a fall reading week last summer.

The proposal outlined how the academic year could be realigned to allow for the creation of the new week, as well as the benefits, including sufficient time to prepare for finals and reducing student stress.

The reading week, which would be held in the eighth week of the semester, would not affect the start date of the school year.

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Man charged with uttering threats on anti-feminist blog

The author of an anti-feminist blog was expected in Montreal court yesterday to face charges of uttering death threats, CBC News Online reports. Jean-Claude Rochefort, 60, is accused of uttering threats against women from April to December 2009. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Mother shot in front of child

Toronto police were searching for a male suspect yesterday in the slaying of 45-year-old Laura Rios, left, shot dead in front of her little girl. The two-year-old child, who was in a vehicle nearby, was not injured during the Monday night shooting and police said she is in a "safe place." Rios was arriving home about 8:45 p.m. and organizing herself to get out of the car when the gunman fired. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Beware of warming, UN tells Canada

Hottest decade on record, report says

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The United Nations weather agency's sobering forecast that this decade may rank as the warmest since records were first kept in 1850, could turn up the heat on Canada.

The news — which also said 2009 could be one of the five warmest years ever recorded by scientists — comes as the Harper government faces heavy criticism at home and abroad to do more to fight climate change.

But Canada's top climate envoy says the UN report doesn't crank up the pressure to get a deal done in Copenhagen.

"I think it is simply that, a re-confirmation of what we know," said Michael Martin, the chief climate-change negotiator.

"We know that the science is clear and that we need to take urgent action."

If there was any ray of sunshine poking through the gloomy forecast, it was that only Canada and the United States experienced cooler conditions than average.

January's average temperature in the Great Lakes region was colder than normal.

But the UN agency still noted troubling signs of a warming across Canada.

Vancouver and Victoria set hot-weather records in late July. A record number of tornadoes whipped across Ontario, killing a record number of people. And avalanches were almost double the yearly average for the past decade.

The warming effects have also been felt in the North.

Arctic sea ice has been melting for three decades. The biggest thaws come during the summer melt season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Calgary **Anti-fur protest**

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Wearing bunny ears, cottontails, and signs reading, "Only Animals Should Wear Fur," PETA protesters Kristina Addington, right, and Elisa Mittag, are watched by construction workers on a -20C day in Calgary, yesterday.

News in brief

TELEVISION For the third time, the CRTC is examining whether conventional broadcasters should be paid fees by the cable and satellite companies for the privilege of carrying their channels. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NDP calls for MacKay's head

AFGHANISTAN The fury over the Afghan detainee controversy flared anew yesterday with demands for Defence Minister Peter MacKay's head following an unprecedented letter from 23 former ambassadors condemning the Harper government.

The NDP demanded MacKay's resignation, accusing him of misleading the House of Commons over what the government knew about the possible torture of prisoners handed over by Canadian troops. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canadian-Mexican mine shut down over environmental concerns
A Mexican mine run by a Canadian company embroiled in a controversy around the death of a local activist has been shut down over environmental concerns. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Court grills U.S. lawyer in Conrad Black case

LAW Justices on the U.S. Supreme Court are asking tough questions about the fraud conviction of Canadian business mogul Conrad Black.

The questions suggest that the federal law that helped convict him may be too vague.

Black, who's serving a 6½-year prison sentence for mail fraud and obstruction of justice, wasn't present for the hearing because he cannot be released on bail.

Family members, including his daughter, Alana, were in attendance in the courtroom.

Black's lawyer, Miguel Estrada, argued that the law is so vague that it gives prosecutors free rein to prosecute and convict any conduct that looks suspicious.

Several justices — including the court's newest member, Sonia Sotomayor — appeared to agree.

They peppered federal government lawyer Michael Dreeben with questions about the so-called honest services law that's commonly used to prosecute corporate executives for fraud.

Justice Stephen Breyer was particularly forceful, suggesting that under the law a U.S. employee could be charged for going to a baseball game on company time because prosecutors could argue the worker was depriving his employee of honest services.

There are 150 million workers in the United States, Breyer said, and 140 million of them would "fail your test," he told Dreeben.

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News in brief

TOBACCO The B.C. Court of Appeal has opened the door for the federal government to share blame with tobacco companies for smoking-related health-care costs incurred by the province. But the decision handed down only gives the tobacco companies a very narrow opening to have Ottawa share financial responsibility in the massive health-care cost recovery case.

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The report from the social affairs committee urges a federal minimum wage of $10 and says that child tax benefits should gradually rise to $5,000.

The report says government's goal should be to get people out of poverty, rather than trying to make poverty more manageable.

The 74 recommendations in the 290-page report cover everything from the general problems of getting people off welfare, to social housing, help for aboriginals and refugees and a federal-provincial strategy for early childhood education.

The report says the country's system for lifting people out of poverty is broken and needs overhaul.

Support programs

• The report urges concerted federal and provincial efforts to keep teens in school, help with post-secondary education and provide more support for people in training programs.

It says existing programs often have "unintended perverse effects" which actually help trap people in poverty.

At the same time, these programs don't provide enough to ensure the poor can meet basic needs.

The report says governments can help.

It points out that programs to help seniors out of poverty have been enormously successful, suggesting that this can be extended to other groups.

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It landed and took off again
An ultralight plane made a brief landing on a highway near North Bay. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NDP laughs at Iggy over pension plan

Layton 'has said it already'

Michael Ignatieff unveiled proposals yesterday aimed at providing urgent help to people left in "catastrophic" financial straits due to Canada's pension "crisis."

But if the situation is so urgent, critics asked, why did the Liberal leader wait until just before parliament's six-week Christmas break to echo proposals made by NDP Leader Jack Layton two months ago.

Layton's office issued a mock Liberal news release entitled: "How to write Liberal policy: Take an NDP release, put the leader's name on it and re-announce it a couple of months later."

Ignatieff said that unlike the NDP, the Liberals are a government in waiting and must be more responsible in drafting policy proposals.

"We've been working on this for more than a year. These are complicated issues so you want to get them right," he said.

Ignatieff said the proposals were also timed to stir debate in advance of the Dec. 17-18 pension summit of federal and provincial finance ministers in Whitehorse.

"We don't want more talking. We need some action right now."
Michael Ignatieff

The Liberals are proposing a three-pronged approach:

- Creation of a supplementary Canada Pension Plan, to enable Canadians to voluntarily invest extra money.
- Give employees with stranded pensions following the bankruptcy of their company the option of having the CPP take over management of their pension assets.
- Give Canadians on long-term disability pensions priority status as creditors in cases of bankruptcy.

"We're already in a pensions crisis and as our population gets older, this problem is going to get worse," said Ignatieff.

"We don't want more talking. We need some action right now."

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Inuit want share of climate fund

CLIMATE The head of Canada's main Inuit organization says her people deserve a share of any global fund created to help countries adapt to a warming planet.

Mary Simon, head of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and an adviser to Canada's delegation at the Copenhagen climate change conference, says money should be available to populations at risk in both developing and developed countries.

"We live in a developed nation, but we live in a region that is still developing," she said yesterday.

"Even if it's a domestic responsibility, in the long term it should be part of the international debate. Within developed nations, there are acute needs for intervention."

Last month, Commonwealth countries, including Canada, backed the idea of a special fund to help vulnerable and poorer nations cope with the effects of warming.

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News in brief

POLICE Two group home employees who were fired for abandoning two mentally disabled women in a van last spring while they went to a movie will not face criminal charges. Winnipeg police have confirmed a Crown prosecutor decided charges would not be laid. But no one connected with the case is willing to explain why.

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Hate graffiti leads to charges

A 31-year-old man is facing charges related to hate graffiti in Woodstock, Ont. Police say property was defaced with racial slurs and slogans. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ex-cop now cop critic

Will Prosper's words for the police were acidic.

Facing a crowd of demonstrators mourning an unarmed young man shot dead by police, Prosper raised his voice and told them that when the police get to investigate other police, they "act like the Mafia!"

He also called the police the area's real "street gang," fighting words from someone who has become the visible face of Montreal North and the despair that stalks its streets.

Surprising, however, given that Proper was once a cop himself.

His transformation from cop to cop critic crystallized in August, 2008, after 18-year-old Fredy Villanueva's was shot to death by police, when riots erupted in Montreal North.

Montreal-Nord Republik was born. Within days it made five demands, including the resignation of the borough mayor, the end to "abusive" police practices and an independent, public inquiry into Villanueva's death.

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Will Prosper stands at the spot where Fredy Villanueva was shot.

"We're not here to be politically correct."
Will Prosper

Prosper and the Republik organized assemblies and marches.

Earlier, a friend had convinced him to join the RCMP.

His first posting was a small rural reserve in northern Manitoba. But he came to realize that, as a mere constable, he had virtually no hope of making change

He now does directing jobs and hosts a radio show.

But his most public face is as the de facto spokesperson for Montreal North,

"We're not here to be politically correct," he says.

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PM's support gets costlier

COMMUNICATING Taxpayers are being asked to pay an extra $1.7 million to help bolster Stephen Harper's communications services.

Estimates tabled last month by the Privy Council Office boosted operational spending by almost $7.3 million for 2009-10.

Included in that total is $700,650 for 6.5 new positions "providing communications advice, service and support to the prime minister."

There's also an extra $1 million for "events" preparation, including "broadcast sound, lighting and recording services."

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News in brief

BERRIES Health Canada is warning Canadians not to use certain Acai berry products after shipments were found to contain an undeclared drug called sildenafil. The product names are Anti-Aging Acai Berry, Guarana Blast, Brazillian Pure, Anti-aging Vital Rez V, Weight Loss VitalAcai, Dietary Supplement Acai Power Blast and Muscle Mass.

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Pope laments media coverage of evil

Pope Benedict XVI yesterday lamented what he described as a steady diet of news about evil in the world, saying it hardens hearts, as he prayed at Rome's Spanish Steps in a Christmas season tradition. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Vintage bottle of wine auctioned off

A bottle of 1788 Vieux Cognac has sold at a Paris auction of wine and spirits for $36,935 US. The cognac, which pre-dates the French Revolution by a year, was part of a sale of 18,000 bottles from Paris' Tour d'Argent. The restaurant has one of the top wine cellars in the world. The restaurant donated the sum earned from the 1788 cognac to a French charity called Association Petits Princes, which grants the wishes of ailing children.

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More than 11,000 killed by police?

BRAZIL Police in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo have killed more than 11,000 people in the past six years, many in execution-style slayings, according to a report released yesterday by Human Rights Watch.

Few of the officers have been charged in the extrajudicial killings, which are often labelled in police reports as the deaths of suspects who resisted arrest, the report said.

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Two of Jamaica's most popular DJs have a face-to-face meeting at prime minister's office to end a feud some fear may provoke violence. Scan this barcode for the full story.

The heat is on

This decade is on track to become the warmest since records began in 1850, and 2009 could rank among the top five warmest years, the UN weather agency reported yesterday on the second day of a pivotal 192-nation climate conference in Denmark.

Only Canada and the U.S. experienced cooler conditions than average, the World Meteorological Organization said, although Alaska had the second-warmest July on record.

In central Africa and southern Asia, this will probably be the warmest year, but overall, 2009 will "be about the fifth-warmest year on record," said Michel Jarraud, secretary-general of the WMO.

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The decade 2000 to 2009 "is very likely to be the warmest on record, warmer than the 1990s, than the 1980s and so on," Jarraud told a news conference, holding a chart with a temperature curve pointing upward. The second warmest decade was the 1990s.

From 2007 to 2009, the summer melt reduced the Arctic Ocean ice cap to its smallest extent ever recorded.

In the 2007-2009 International Polar Year, researchers found that Antarctica is warming more than previously believed. Almost all glaciers worldwide are retreating.

'Optimistic'

- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon predicted yesterday that a robust agreement to combat climate change will be reached in Copenhagen and implemented immediately.

"From all corners of the globe we see unprecedented momentum for a deal," the UN chief told reporters. "I'm encouraged and I'm optimistic."

Meanwhile, such destructive species as jellyfish and bark-eating beetles are moving northward out of normal ranges, and seas expanding from warmth and glacier melt are encroaching on low-lying island states.

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Philippines Martial law protested

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An activist holds a mock axe to condemn martial law during a protest in Manila yesterday. Amnesty International called on the Philippine government to revoke martial law in Maguindanao province, where troops cracked down on a clan and its supporters blamed for the massacre of 57 people.

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Bones found in Death Valley may be tourists

Officials say more bones found in California's Death Valley could be the remains of four German tourists who vanished 13 years ago. Cornelia Meyer; her four-year-old son; her boyfriend, Egbert Rimkus; and his 10-year-old son vanished in the Mojave Desert park in 1996. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More drama for Tiger Woods

Mother-in-law taken from his home to hospital

Emergency crews were summoned to Tiger Woods' Orlando-area mansion for the second time in less than two weeks yesterday, this time because his mother-in-law was having stomach pains.

Barbro Holmberg was taken by ambulance to Health Central Hospital with stomach pains after a 911 call from Woods' house. Holmberg, a Swedish politician, was released about 11 hours later and returned to Woods' mansion, hospital spokesman Dan Yates said.

Holmberg, who arrived in the U.S. a few days ago, lives in Sweden and is the mother of Woods' wife, Elin.

Health Central is the same hospital where Woods was treated after he crashed his sport utility vehicle outside his home in the gated Isleworth community in Windermere last month.

Media attention has been focused on the world's No. 1 golfer since he hit a hydrant and a tree on the Friday after U.S. Thanksgiving.

Holmberg

The Florida Highway Patrol last week cited Woods for careless driving and fined him $164 US. The accident — and Woods' refusal to answer questions about it — fuelled speculation about a possible dispute between him and Elin.

Just days before the crash, a National Enquirer story alleged Woods had been seeing a New York nightclub hostess, Rachel Uchitel, who has denied it.

After the crash, Us Weekly reported that a Los Angeles cocktail waitress named Jaimee Grubbs claims she had a 31-month affair with Woods.

Last week, Woods issued a statement saying he had let his family down with unspecified "transgressions" that he regrets with "all of my heart." He did not elaborate.

A police report on the crash released Monday showed that a Florida trooper who suspected Woods was driving under the influence sought a subpoena for the golfer's blood results from the hospital he was taken to after the crash, but prosecutors rejected the petition for insufficient information.

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Teen pleads not guilty to murder

MISSOURI A 15-year-old Missouri girl pleaded not guilty yesterday to killing a nine-year-old neighbour girl, who authorities say was slain because the teen wanted to know what it felt like to kill someone.

Alyssa Bustamante sat silently as an attorney entered a not guilty plea on her behalf to first-degree murder and armed criminal action in the Oct. 21 death of Elizabeth Olten. Bustamante often gazed down — her long bangs covering her eyes, her hands and feet shackled — during a county court hearing that lasted less than a minute. Authorities allege Bustamante plotted Elizabeth's slaying — digging two holes several days in advance — then strangled her without provocation, cut the girl's throat and stabbed her.

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Obama looks to turn TARP into jobs

ECONOMY U.S. President Barack Obama set out fresh plans yesterday to reinvigorate the U.S. economy, focusing on incentives to small businesses and hiring to bring down what he called the "staggering" American 10 per cent unemployment rate.

Obama said he wants to push money left over from a financial rescue plan — the Troubled Asset Relief Program — toward the small business community for investment and hiring. He said additional funds also would be sought from other sources for infrastructure improvements and rebates to consumers who make their homes more energy efficient.

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A woman stands next to a poster of Barack Obama outside the Nobel Peace Center in Oslo, Norway yesterday. Obama will receive the Nobel Peace Prize there tomorrow.

Obama has stepped up attention on America's high unemployment rate after spending much of the last few months focused mostly on health care and the war in Afghanistan.

The state of the economy — and the jobless rate in particular — could be the key issue in determining whether Democrats preserve their majorities in both chambers of Congress in next November's midterm elections.

"Our work is far from done. For even though we have reduced the deluge of job losses to a relative trickle, we are not yet creating jobs at a pace to help all those families who have been swept up in the flood," the president said.

"There are more than seven million fewer Americans with jobs today than when this recession began. That's a staggering figure."

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Wave of deadly violence strikes Baghdad

IRAQ A series of co-ordinated attacks struck Baghdad yesterday, including two suicide car bombers and another vehicle that blew up near government sites. At least 127 were killed and hundreds wounded in the worst wave of violence in the capital in more than a month, authorities said.

A total of five attacks, which also included a suicide car bomb on a police patrol, showed the ability of insurgents to strike high-profile targets in the heart of Baghdad and marked the third time since August that government buildings were targeted with multiple blasts that killed more than 100 people.

The bombings reinforced concerns about shortcomings in Iraqi security as U.S. forces plan their withdrawal, and parliament held an emergency session with many lawmakers demanding answers for apparent security lapses.

Iraq's military spokesman blamed the carnage on an alliance of al-Qaida in Iraq and members of Saddam Hussein's banned Baath Party.

Overall violence has dropped sharply around Iraq in the past year, though insurgents have stepped up attacks at government sites in recent months. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Student fires rifle in Virginia college classroom

Authorities say a 20-year-old student is in custody after allegedly pointing a rifle at a teacher and firing in a college classroom. No injuries were reported. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ex-FBI chief to head review of agency's Fort Hood handling

Ex-FBI director William Webster will conduct an independent review of the bureau's handling of information gathered about the military base shooting suspect before the deadly rampage, officials said yesterday.

FBI Director Robert Mueller has asked Webster to take a look at how the bureau handled information about Maj. Nidal Hasan in the months before the shooting at the Fort Hood, Texas military base that killed 13 people.

Mueller had already ordered an internal review of the matter, and that review led to a secret report to the White House in late November. The new assignment for Webster takes the internal review a step further, and likely means a more prolonged, in-depth inquiry. Webster is a former judge who also served as CIA director.

In a statement, Mueller called Webster "uniquely qualified" for the job because he "has led independent reviews of various FBI systems and broader policies and provided valuable recommendations. In this case, Judge Webster will have complete access and whatever resources necessary to complete the task."

The U.S. military is also reviewing its handling of information about Hasan before the shooting spree, and has also sent a report to the White House on the matter.

In the FBI's case, members of two anti-terrorism task forces saw emails between the Army psychiatrist and a radical imam overseas beginning in December 2008.

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FBI sends team to Pakistan in terror probe

U.S. The FBI is sending a team to Pakistan and India as part of an inquiry into a Chicago man accused of plotting against a Danish newspaper and sizing up targets ahead of last year's deadly terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India's financial capital.

Pakistan's role in alleged plots spanning three countries has increasingly come under scrutiny as new details emerge about the case and suspect David Coleman Headley's links to the country.

Headley, 49, an American of Pakistani descent, and Chicago businessman Tahawwur Rana, 48, a Pakistani-born Canadian national, were charged in October with conspiring to attack the Jyllands Posten newspaper in Denmark.

The newspaper had published 12 cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad in 2005 that set off protests in parts of the Muslim world.

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Self-help course led to death: Coroner

Woman leapt from office window four years ago

An Australian coroner said yesterday that participation in an intense self-help course led a woman to suffer a psychotic breakdown before she stripped naked and leaped to her death from an office window in front of horrified co-workers.

The coroner's findings come four years after 34-year-old Rebekah Lawrence's death in Sydney, providing a sense of relief to family members who had long argued the young woman never would have killed herself if not for her participation in a seminar called The Turning Point.

"The evidence is overwhelming that the act of stepping out of a window to her death was the tragic culmination of a developing psychosis that had its origins in a self-development course known as 'The Turning Point,'" deputy state coroner Malcolm MacPherson said as he read his findings.

In Australia, a coroner investigates the circumstances of unusual deaths in court-like proceedings called an inquest and can recommend further action by police or prosecutors if warranted.

MacPherson did not recommend any charges be filed against Turning Point officials. But he did suggest that laws be drafted to require that those offering self-development seminars be qualified and accredited. "Rebekah's death isn't in vain — it's helped a lot of people who may have come to the same grim end in the future," Lawrence's husband, David Booth, said outside court. "I'm not angry, because they didn't mean to do it. It's just unqualified people doing damaging things to people's minds."

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Turning Point

• Lawrence's death on Dec. 20, 2005, came two days after she completed The Turning Point, a four-day seminar run by the Sydney self-development company People Knowhow. Turning Point officials acknowledged during inquest hearings in August that the course was intense and included the controversial technique of childhood regressive therapy. Such therapy uses hypnotic techniques designed to emotionally regress people to childlike states so they can confront issues from their past.

Beijing **Muzzling swine flu**

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Some pet owners put masks on their dogs after local media reported last week that two dogs were infected with the H1N1 flu virus in Beijing.

Pregnant woman attacked: Police

CRIME A pregnant woman was held at an apartment in a suburb of Washington, D.C., for five days until she escaped after her captor tried to cut the unborn baby from her womb, police said yesterday.

The victim, who was homeless, was expected to recover and her daughter was delivered by emergency Cesarean section, police said.

Veronica Deramous, 40, was charged with attempted first-degree murder, false imprisonment and other related charges, said Officer Michelle Reedy, a spokeswoman for Prince George's County police.

Authorities said Deramous befriended the woman at a homeless shelter and persuaded her to come to her apartment on Dec. 1 with a promise of baby clothes. Once there, Reedy said, Deramous attacked and bound the woman. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

DEATH Gunmen on motorcycles ambushed and killed Honduras' top anti-drug official in the capital yesterday, just two months before he planned to retire and move to Canada. Former army Gen. Julian Aristides Gonzalez, director of the Office for Combatting Drug Trafficking, was driving alone after dropping his daughter at school when assailants opened fire and then fled, national police spokesman Orlin Cerrato said.

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Comment

Treading water in a 'petrostate'

TheWestView

When Stephen Harper arrives at the Copenhagen climate conference next week here's hoping security is better than it was Monday when Greenpeace managed to crawl all over the Parliament Buildings unmolested.

Good thing Greenpeace is not a terrorist organization.

The real bad boy, say environmentalists, is Canada itself. Traditionally boring at worst, we have somehow acquired the status of rogue nation, like Iran. And if you think I exaggerate, here's Guardian columnist and climate crusader George Monbiot:

"The immediate threat to the global effort to sustain a peaceful and stable world comes not from Saudi Arabia or Iran or China. It comes from Canada."

Huh?

Monbiot is shocked and appalled by Alberta's oilsands and it makes him say inflammatory things: "So here I am, watching the astonishing spectacle of a beautiful, cultured nation turning itself into a corrupt petrostate."

"Corrupt petrostate" may be a bit harsh, but we are the only signatory to the Kyoto accord to abandon our commitment to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Instead, says Monbiot, we've actually increased by 26 per cent. The climate change performance index ranks Canada 59th out of 60, just ahead of last-place Saudi Arabia, that green paragon.

"The real bad boy, say environmentalists, is Canada itself. Traditionally boring at worst, we have somehow acquired the status of rogue nation, like Iran."

Until recently, Harper was blithely indifferent to all this climate change nonsense and wasn't planning to show up at Copenhagen. Maybe he's tired of being treated like the Kim Jong Il of climate change and doesn't want Canada declared Fossil of the Year for the third year in a row by the international environmental movement. Three-peat!

I suspect it's about what it's always about, the polls: 64 per cent of Canadians say rich nations have a responsibility to commit to tougher targets than developing countries. And Harper's plan to march lockstep with the Americans on climate has fallen flat as 81 per cent say Canada should act independently of the U.S.

So Harper's commitment to stay the corrupt petrostate course is causing him grief wherever humans breathe the air. He'll have to watch out for flying shoes and cream pies in Copenhagen. But that's all he's likely to do, as being a corrupt petrostate has its advantages, especially when the economic outlook is frostier than the weather forecast.

Meanwhile, the UN says this decade will likely be the warmest on record and as the ice melts, the oceans are rising 80 per cent higher than its 2001 forecast.

Good time to be treading water, eh?

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Word on the street: How well did the media handle the Tiger Woods affair?

George Karaganis
Ottawa

A: I think he's fair game because he's now a name brand.

Lynda Lobb
Ottawa

A: I think that if it had happened to any regular person, it wouldn't have been as over dramatized.

Cody Dueck
Ottawa

A: I think it's his own business. I think the media is blowing it out of proportion.

Victoria Barry
West Chezzetcook, N.S.

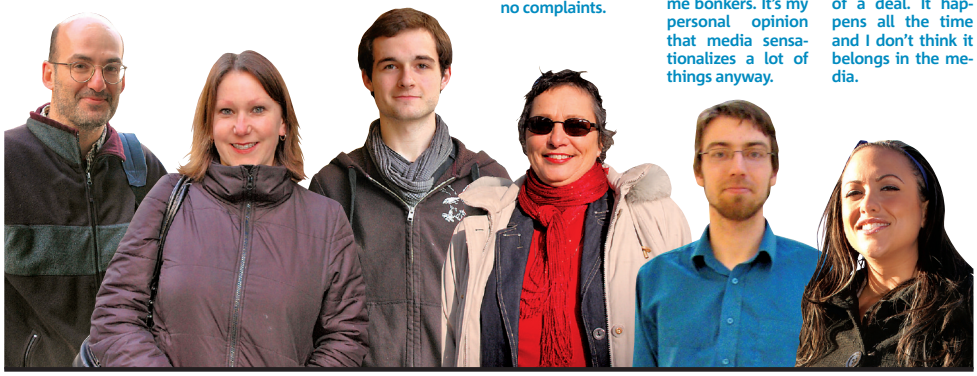
A: I think it was executed just fine. I liked the humour of it; I liked the jokes they made. I have no complaints.

Alex Maissan
Edmonton

A: I think it was overblown. I mean, it only lasted for a day, but I saw it everywhere I looked and it drove me bonkers. It's my personal opinion that media sensationalizes a lot of things anyway.

Amanda Bartram
Vancouver

A: I feel he has been exploited just because he is a celebrity, and if he wasn't a celebrity it wouldn't be as big of a deal. It happens all the time and I don't think it belongs in the media.



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Rates stay at historic low

Bank of Canada says economy still fragile

The Bank of Canada is keeping its rates at historic lows, warning that while there are signs the economy is on the upswing, "significant fragilities remain."

Those fragilities manifested themselves in an economy that grew less than analysts expected in the third quarter of the year, and inflation that has been slightly higher than the central bank expected.

For those reasons, the Bank of Canada said yesterday its key overnight rate will remain unchanged at 0.25 per cent, effectively the lowest possible.

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"While significant fragilities remain, global economic developments have been slightly more positive and the global outlook has improved modestly relative to the bank's projection in its October monetary policy report," the bank said in a release yesterday.

The Bank of Canada made an unusual commitment early this year to keep its key rates unchanged until the middle of 2010, but economists have speculated that might change if the economy grew too quickly and inflation threatened to get out of hand.

On Tuesday, the central bank repeated its pledge to keep rates at this level until the end of the second quarter 2010 and renewed its warning about the risks for inflation.

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Business in brief

LAYOFFS Wireless equipment maker LM Ericsson yesterday said it plans to cut almost 1,000 jobs in Sweden because an increase in production efficiency has made some work redundant. Ericsson said negotiations have started to shut down operations in Gavle, 170 kilometres north of Stockholm, where it employs 856 people.
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Japan Stimulus shot

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Shoppers walk on glitzy Ginza shopping district, in Tokyo, Japan yesterday. Japan's government yesterday unveiled $81 billion of new stimulus spending to keep the world's second-biggest economy from lurching back into recession.

Publishers team up to form digital newsstand for 2010

Five of the largest publishers of newspapers and magazines in the U.S. plan to challenge Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle electronic-book reader with their own digital format that would display in colour on a variety of devices.

Time Inc., News Corp., Conde Nast, Hearst Corp., and Meredith Corp., whose magazines include Time, Cosmopolitan and Better Homes and Gardens, announced a joint venture yesterday to develop the format that rivals Kindle's grey "electronic ink." It promises to emphasize visuals, retaining the distinctive look of each publication, as compared to the text-oriented Kindle.

"The genesis of this idea is to build a fully featured kind of immersive e-reading application." John Squires

"The genesis of this idea is to build a fully featured kind of immersive e-reading application that can render our content beautifully on those devices that come to market," said John Squires, the venture's interim managing director.

Companies in the joint venture are hoping to break that lock and sell content in the new format starting in 2010. The digital publications would target tablet computers, portable electronic readers and smart phones, Squires said.
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Canwest on channel defensive

A lawyer for Canwest Global Communications Corp. says investment partner Goldman Sachs is hindering the company's restructuring process.

Lyndon Barnes told a Superior Court judge a disagreement over the ownership of its media division that holds specialty TV assets could slow down the entire restructuring, which he calls a selfish move by Goldman to gain an unfair advantage.

The Wall Street investment bank says Canwest shifted around the TV assets within their operations without consulting them, and that the move could be a way for creditors to tighten their control on the highly lucrative specialty channel assets, which include HGTV, Showcase and Diva.

The media conglomerate filed for creditor protection for portions of its business earlier this fall after it was unable to meet repayment obligations for $4 billion in debt.

Barnes says Canwest is operating fairly under the restructuring process and that Goldman simply wants "special status" even though he says the firm hasn't lost anything since Canwest filed for CCAA.
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In brief

DISCLOSURE A private member's bill introduced yesterday by a New Democrat would force disclosure of agreements made with governments in foreign takeovers. New Democrat MP Claude Gravelle also introduced legislation aimed specifically at the takeovers of Falconbridge and Inco in Sudbury.
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It's better to give than to receive

Publisher of Obama's best-selling book steps down
The publisher of U.S. President Barack Obama's book The Audacity of Hope has stepped down. "Leaving was not my decision," said Jenny Frost, who as head of the Crown Publishing Group oversaw the release of the million-selling 2006 book. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Few CEOs plan to hire: Poll

But more chief executives expect spending, sales gains

More of America's largest companies will shrink their staffs than will hire in the next six months, according to the latest survey of their CEOs.

A quarterly survey from the Business Roundtable released yesterday found that 19 per cent of the CEOs expect to expand their work forces, while 31 per cent predict a decrease in the next six months. That's slightly better than the 13 per cent who expected increased hiring three months earlier. At that time, 40 per cent forecast cuts.

Health care

• A new question on the Business Roundtable survey asked CEOs to identify their greatest cost pressures. The largest group — about one-third — cited health care.

In more positive news, the group's economic outlook index — a combination of expectations for spending, sales and hiring — rose to 71.5, from 44.9 in the third quarter. Numbers above 50 represent economic growth. It was the first time the index rose above 50 since the third quarter of 2008.

The number of CEOs expecting to increase capital spending nearly doubled, to 40 from 21 per cent. The number forecasting an increase in sales grew to 68 from 51 per cent.

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Second official fired in banking scandal

VENEZUELA The president of Venezuela's securities commission was fired yesterday, the second government official to lose his job in a banking scandal that has put President Hugo Chavez on the defensive.

The removal of Antonio Marquez Sanchez was announced in the Official Gazette, but authorities did not announce the reasons for his dismissal.

Raid

• In another development linked to the scandal, police yesterday raided the offices of Seguros La Previsora — a private insurance company.

Sanchez was removed two days after Science and Technology Minister Jesse Chacon resigned because his brother, Arne Chacon, was arrested for alleged involvement in the scandal that has forced Chavez's administration to close seven private banks.

Authorities allege widespread irregularities put some of the banks in financial trouble.

Nine bank executives and shareholders have been detained so far, and the courts have issued arrest warrants for 21 others in a scandal that has implicated business people with links to Chavez's administration.

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Business in brief

BANKING The Bank of Nova Scotia saw its fourth-quarter net income nearly triple but even that wasn't enough to please at least one analyst, who predicted a poor reception by investors. Scotiabank, the last of Canada's six big banks to report its fourth-quarter results, reported net income of $902 million or 83 cents per share for the quarter.

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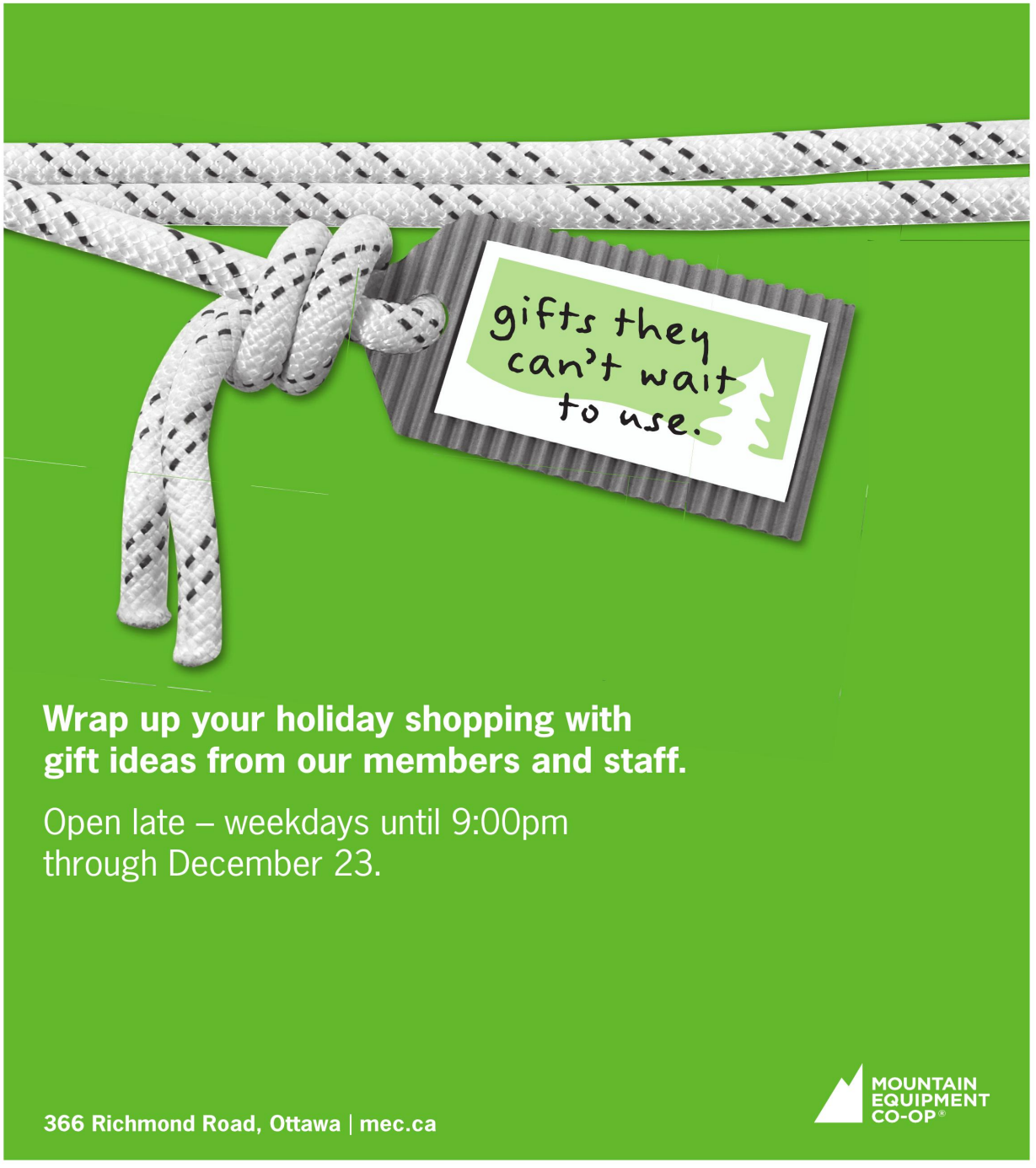

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Season over for Portis
The Washington Redskins placed running back Clinton Portis on injured reserve yesterday, ending his season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

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Ottawa's Daniel Alfredsson tries to push the puck past Montreal netminder Jaroslav Halak during the first period in Ottawa last night.

Home doesn't help

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AT

Jaroslav Halak made 45 saves and Marc-Andre Bergeron scored the go-ahead goal on a second-period power play yesterday to lift the Montreal Canadiens to a 4-1 victory over the Ottawa Senators.

Bergeron added an assist and Andrei Kostitsyn also had a goal and set up another as the streaking Canadiens won their third in a row before a crowd of 18,866 at Scotiabank Place.

Mike Cammalleri continued to wield a hot stick for Montreal with his fifth goal in the past three games and Tomas Plekanec registered three assists to give him six in the past three outings.

Scott Gomez added an empty-net goal.

The Canadiens (15-14-2) went 2-for-3 on the power play and stopped a two-game road losing streak, while Ottawa lost at home for the first time in five games.

Ottawa, which went 0-for-7 on the power play, is winless in five of its past six contests.

Mike Fisher scored for the Senators (14-11-4) and Brian Elliott, making his ninth straight start since Pascal Leclaire went down with a broken cheekbone, made 23 saves.

Former Canadien Alex Kovalev, who was booed by the many Montreal fans in attendance whenever he touched the puck, saw his point-scoring streak end at three games.

The Canadiens lost the services of defenceman Jaroslav Spacek when he blocked a shot at the end of the first period and didn't return.

There was no immediate word on his injury.

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Sports in brief

TRADE The Columbus Blue Jackets have acquired defenceman Brendan Bell and forward Tomas Kana from the St. Louis Blues in exchange for forward Pascal Pelletier. Columbus general manager Scott Howson announced the trade yesterday.

OLYMPIC HOCKEY Steve Yzerman is going to name Team Canada a day earlier than expected. Hockey Canada confirmed yesterday that it has changed the Olympic announcement to the morning of Dec. 30. It had originally been scheduled for New Year's Eve.

BIG UNIT Randy Johnson's agent says the Big Unit is still weighing his decision about whether to pitch again in 2010 or retire after 22 major league seasons. Alan Nero, speaking from the winter meetings in Indianapolis, expects to know in the coming weeks whether the 46-year-old Johnson will return for another year.

NFL The chip-shot miss against the New Orleans Saints has cost Canadian kicker Shaun Suisham his job with the Washington Redskins. Suisham, of Wallaceburg, Ont., was cut by the Redskins, who replaced him with Graham Gano from the United Football League. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Teahen reaches deal with White Sox

Third baseman Mark Teahen agreed yesterday to a $14-million US, three-year deal with the Chicago White Sox. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yanks near big trade

Instead of spending at these winter meetings, the New York Yankees are in a dealing mode.

The World Series champions pulled off the first big trade of this year's session, reaching a tentative agreement yesterday on a three-team, seven-player swap that would bring them all-star centre-fielder Curtis Granderson from Detroit.

New York would trade right-hander Ian Kennedy to Arizona, and lefty reliever Phil Coke and outfield prospect Austin Jackson to Detroit, a baseball official said on condition of anonymity because the deal was not yet final.

Detroit would ship all-star pitcher Edwin Jackson to the Diamondbacks, and Arizona would send touted young pitchers Max Scherzer and Daniel Schlereth to the Tigers. The teams were still working on technical aspects of the trade, the official said, including checking medical records.

The speedy Granderson would displace Melky Cabrera as centre-fielder on the Yankees. Cabrera could shift to left, depending on whether New York re-signs Johnny Damon or designated hitter Hideki Matsui.

Granderson was a first-time all-star last season, when he had 30 homers, 71 RBIs and 20 steals.

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Money issues?

- Detroit may be looking to cut payroll after a big attendance drop this year at Comerica Park. Granderson is owed $23.75 million US over the next three years.

Still some kinks in Packers' game

NFL Their defence is on the rise, their offence is doing a better job protecting oft-hit quarterback Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers have won four straight games to put themselves in solid shape for the playoffs.

But Monday night's victory over the Baltimore Ravens showed a few of the problems that have hounded the Packers (8-4) all season might not be going away. They're still drawing an alarming number of penalties, and their special teams seem to choose the worst possible moments to melt down.

The Packers are running out of time to solve those problems before the playoffs, but they are getting much better at bouncing back from their mistakes.

"We didn't lay it down," tight end Jermichael Finley said. "Teams have known for us to lay it down in the second half, and we didn't do that."

The Packers came into the season with playoff expectations. But they got off to a disappointing 4-4 start, giving up too many sacks, drawing penalties and allowing long returns at critical points in games.

However, the Packers gave up only one sack to the Ravens Monday night and have allowed just four in their last three games. Their defence is clearly getting more comfortable with defensive co-ordinator Dom Capers' 3-4 scheme.

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Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers escapes the Baltimore pass rush during Monday's game. The Packers beat the visiting Ravens 27-17.

Sports in brief

SOCCER Bayern Munich scored two goals in each half yesterday to beat Juventus 4-1 and advance to the knockout round of the Champions League. Elsewhere in Champions League action, it was Manchester United 3 Wolfsburg 1, Real Madrid 3 Marseille 1, and Chelsea 2 APOEL Nicosia 2.

HOCKEY Canadian scoring star Cody Hodgson will miss the world junior championship with a back injury. The 19-year-old informed Hockey Canada yesterday that he will not be able to participate in a selection camp that begins Saturday in Regina, and won't play in the Dec. 26-Jan. 5 tournament in Regina and Saskatoon.

FOOTBALL Alabama's Rolando McClain won the Butkus Award as U.S. college football's top linebacker. He was presented the award yesterday morning in a surprise visit by Dick Butkus, a Hall of Fame linebacker and the award's namesake.

BASEBALL Chone Figgins and the Seattle Mariners have finalized their $36-million US, four-year contract. The deal for the former Los Angeles Angels sparkplug includes a vesting option for 2014 that could make it worth $45 million over five years.

NASCAR Danica Patrick signed with JR Motorsports yesterday to give NASCAR a try, but her schedule in the second-tier Nationwide Series has yet to be determined. Patrick will make her stock car racing debut in the Feb. 6 ARCA race at Daytona International Speedway.

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Moose to be named GM of Canada's IIHF squad
The Moose is taking his next management role with the national team. Mark Messier will be named Canada's general manager for the 2010 IIHF World Hockey Championship at a press conference today, according to a source. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bernard wins it the hard way

CURLING Cheryl Bernard hasn't made it easy on herself at the Canadian Olympic curling trials.

The Calgary native continued her nail-biting play with a fourth-straight victory yesterday, stealing four points in the tenth end to seal a 9-7 win over Kelly Scott.

"I'd like just one easy game," said Bernard after yet another heart-pounding win.

With most experts pegging defending national women's champion Jennifer Jones or 2006 Olympic bronze medallist Shannon Kleibrink as the favourites to represent Canada at the 2010 Winter Games, Bernard has shown this week that she belongs.

She pulled off a five-point double takeout to win one match and claimed another after a measure so close it had to be carried out three times.

Bernard sits atop the leaderboard heading into play today with a 4-0 record. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Howard 3-0

- Glenn Howard remains the only unbeaten men's team at the Canadian Olympic curling trials. Howard, of Coldwater, Ont., improved to 3-0 after dumping 25-year-old Jason Gunnlaugson 6-4.

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Not exactly road warriors

The Sens have been excellent at home, but on the road it's a different story

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Thankfully, the Ottawa Senators have relieved some of the parking lot congestion problems they were having after home games. Now all they have to do is figure out how to keep people from wanting to throw their televisions out the window after road games.

According to the Senators, waiting time in the parking lot after games has been reduced from 31 to 23 minutes this season and people only have to sit there emitting greenhouse gas emissions from their cars for 11.5 minutes after starting them. That might have something to do with the fact that going into last night's game against the Montreal Canadiens, the team's attendance at Scotiabank Place was down more than 1,600 from last season.

But with a 10-3-3 record (going into last night) at home, the Senators clearly have things figured out on their home turf. But after limping home from a Boston/western United States road swing with just three of a possible 10 points, clearly the Senators have some work to do on the road.

"The Senators currently sit with a 4-7-1 mark away from home, which is a large reason why they're hanging onto a playoff spot with their fingernails."

The Senators currently sit with a 4-7-1 mark away from home, which is a large reason why they're hanging onto a playoff spot with their fingernails these days instead of having one firmly in their grips.

Teams in the NHL rarely have any significant success if they can't win on the road and the Senators will almost certainly not buck that trend if they don't begin playing better away from Ottawa.

And with the Senators having played five more games at home than on the road, those road dates are going to catch up at some point and the lost points in the standings could prove fatal.

When team owner Eugene Melnyk basically called out Jason Spezza and Alexei Kovalev last weekend, he probably wanted to see them play better both at home and on the road.

That's certainly the case with Kovalev, who has been equally unproductive in both places, sporting identical 2-5-7 totals at home and on the road. (That means he has actually been better on the road, but seven points in 11 road games simply doesn't cut it.)

Jason Spezza has just 1-4-5 totals in 11 road games and even bigger producers such as Mike Fisher (4-3-7 in 11 games) and Milan Michalek (5-2-7 in 12 games) probably have more to give.

In what should come as a surprise to no one, Senators captain and inspirational leader Daniel Alfredsson goes about his business on the road quite productively, scoring five goals and 12 points in 12 games.

Nobody is expecting the Senators to be Murderer's Row away from home, but unless they get better on unfamiliar ice, they're going to continue to be life and death to make the playoffs this season.

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Thrashers out to make the hockey world 'aware'

NHL The Atlanta Thrashers are looking forward to a little attention.

Despite being one of the NHL's feel-good stories this season, the team doesn't always get recognized for its accomplishments.

"Since we made him captain, he's taken a huge role in running that dressing room." Atlanta coach John Anderson on Ilya Kovalchuk

That should change temporarily during a week that sees the Thrashers face four Canadian opponents — three of them on the road.

"I think it's a stage for us," Atlanta coach John Anderson said in Toronto on Monday.

"Obviously, you see all the media here. When I talk to media at home, there's maybe one or two people.

"I think that our guys feel like it's a centre stage and it's a platform ... to make the rest of the hockey world aware that we do play some good hockey down in Atlanta."

The trip didn't get off to a very good start, with the Thrashers dropping a 5-2 decision to the Maple Leafs at Air Canada Centre on Monday night.

But the team is still one of the NHL's best road clubs with a 9-3-1 record.

Atlanta makes a stop in Calgary today before visiting Vancouver tomorrow.

It then returns home for a game against Montreal on Saturday night.

JOE MURPHY/GETTY IMAGES

With his 16 goals in 21 games, Atlanta captain Ilya Kovalchuk has led the Thrashers to an impressive start.

Atlanta (15-9-3) is led by its star attraction, captain Ilya Kovalchuk — an elite player who still manages to fly below the radar at times.

He's scored 16 goals in 21 games — a pace of 62 goals over an 82-game season — and contributes just as much off the ice for the upstart Thrashers.

"Since we made him captain, he's taken a huge role in running that dressing room," said Anderson.

"He's not really loud or boisterous, but the things he does, his actions, make him a true leader."

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Universities remain cautious despite endowment rebounds

Due to a rebound in financial markets, Canadian university endowment funds have recouped much of the losses they suffered during the downturn. Despite gains, universities remain cautious about endowment spending and will continue with the money-saving measures according to University Affairs. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Ontario Colleges' worldly goal

In a new position paper from Colleges Ontario, the presidents of the province's 24 colleges propose the Ontario government adopt four goals to successfully implement a new vision for higher education in the province. These goals include improving student mobility and expanding student choice and aligning PSE with the needs of the transforming economy. The goal, the report states, is to make Ontario a world leader in PSE. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Be the best Santa Claus you can be

'Tis the **Season**

Over the next few weeks Metro's Workology section will be shining a light on some of the jobs that pop up around the holiday season and dissappear just as quickly afterwards. Check back every Wednesday.

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Jennifer Andrews is not a white-bearded, elderly man. "I'm not a jolly fat guy at all!" she laughs, but the 37-year-old is Head Elf at the Santa School, a world-renowned training centre for top Santas.

Based in Calgary, the Santa School draws Father Christmases from all over Canada and the U.S., teaches them the secrets of St. Nick, then dispatches them across the continent and beyond, including to the U.K. and Hong Kong.

"We don't want cookie-cutter Santas."
Jennifer Andrews of the Santa School

The school was founded by Victor Nevada, but when he passed away in March, Andrews stepped up to "carry the candy cane."

The school offers a three-pronged approach. "We train Santas, we supply outfits and accessories for Santas, and we book out Santas," Andrews explains. "What makes a Santa great is what's in his heart, but you can't train that. What we train them to do is … how to give the full show when they walk through the door."

Santa's got to smell right, look "regal" and keep his beard bushy. Professional actors and voice coaches ensure the ho-ho-hos have a North Pole accent.

"We don't want cookie-cutter Santas. We want them to be their own genuine version of that character, because Santa can't be everywhere all the time," she says. "He's a busy guy."

They also train elves and Mrs. Clauses and bring in real reindeer so the L.A. and Miami Santas can "reunite" with their coworkers for photos. The school goes into overdrive to meet the fall need for new Santas and is planning to start offering a spring course to keep up with demand.

Gerald Cooper could probably set up a Santa school of his own: He's been slipping into the big red suit since the 1950s. The 74-year-old and his wife, Betty, team up as Mr. and Mrs. Claus around Halifax. He loves community centres and hospitals, but swore off shopping malls years ago.

"You sit there with this warm suit on for one full hour, and it's a steady stream of kids sitting on your lap," he recalls. He prefers the quality time of a guest appearance. He advises Santas to keep it short: 15 minutes is all you need to bring the cheer.

He's had a lot of surprising requests for Christmas gifts, including a woman who confided: "Santa, I'd like a man."

No word on what came down her chimney that year.

Santa school tips

- Stay in character the whole time.
- Have the right outfit.
- Practise your Ho-ho-hos.
- Remember: It's all about the love.

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Office parties: To go, or not to go

This is the season to party it up! Company holiday parties ain't what they used to be, thanks to the economic downturn. They've actually been winding down for some time now, with employers' dawning realization that getting staff liquored up isn't really the best idea at any time of year. Bill's off-colour jokes and Sally's stripper dance moves were probably best kept to their personal lives.

But is workplace socializing a good idea in the first place?

Arlene Dickinson says yes. She's the sole female on the panel of Dragons' Den, bringing not only a woman's perspective to the business ideas that get pitched, but also a marketer's viewpoint. Her firm Venture Communications has expanded beyond Calgary to offices in Toronto and Ottawa.

"My company has a regular social outing,' says Arlene. "Every Thursday we shut down at 4 p.m., and head out of the office to spend some time together, to celebrate something that we've achieved as an organization that week." She picks up the tab.

Check out the Dragons's Den take on office holiday parties on tonight's episode.

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University of Manitoba has nearly $2-billion impact on local economy
According to a new study from the University of Manitoba, over $1.8 billion in province-wide economic activity is stimulated by the institution. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Great office parties for both you and the planet

Office shindigs can be fun, you just need the right caterer

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

When the office needs its halls decked on a budget, many companies call in the professionals to avoid turning the Christmas party into unpaid overtime. With the right caterers, companies can throw an affordable, environmentally friendly Christmas.

Toronto's Daniel et Daniel takes on extra staff to handle the business boom at Christmas. Vice-president Russell Day says the economic downturn means offices are looking to keep the annual party low key, but that low cost doesn't have to mean low fun.

"The best way is to keep it internal. Have an office party and have us come to you," says Day. Cocktail parties or lunches are popular, featuring easy, affordable menus, "so we can bring the joy to people's offices."

The key is to transform the ambience so people don't just awkwardly lean on the photocopier and wonder when they can leave. Dim the lights, light a few candles and turn on the holiday music, Day says. Daniel et Daniel will decorate, too, bringing feather trees for offices that prefer to celebrate "the holidays," rather than Christmas. Decorators can turn the reception desk into a bar, the boardroom into a buffet and even bring in lounge furniture and DJ to really spruce it up.

"All of a sudden, people are dancing on the photocopier," Day laughs. "It's not a party until it's a little rocking."

In Vancouver, Michael Krauss is changing the idea that Christmas equals wastefulness. One Planet Catering opened its doors in January and is gearing up for its first green Christmas. It focuses on local, organic food and creating a smaller carbon footprint.

"The idea behind our company is no paper, no plastic, no styrofoam. It's more of a state of being that's important."
One Planet Catering's Michael Krauss

"The idea behind our company is no paper, no plastic, no styrofoam," Krauss says. "It's more of a state of being that's important."

He decided to form his eco-catering company a few years ago when he was working at another Vancouver eatery. A girl sat at the counter opening sugar packets and writing her name in the grains while her mother ignored her.

"I thought, more than 680,000 people died in slavery being shipped from Africa into the Caribbean for the sole purpose of sugar plantation, and 150 years later we seem to have lost all the respect for where the food comes from, how it's grown. We seem to be taking food for granted," he says. "I want to create something with more meaning."

If you get the right caterer, and set up your office in the right way, any office holiday party can be fun.

Career-wise
Office party advancement?

- Here are five tips courtesy of The Creative Group to help professionals make a positive impression at company parties:
- Give the gift of good manners. Your social graces are on display at these events, so R.S.V.P. promptly, arrive on time and thank the host for having you. If it's a formal dinner and you're not clear on table setting etiquette, be sure to familiarize yourself before the event.
- Bring good tidings to all. Go out of your way to chat with coworkers from other departments. Also, be friendly to guests who aren't employed by your firm. They will appreciate being included in the conversation.
- Get away from the grinches. Don't spend too much time with the bah-humbug types at your holiday soiree. You want to avoid guilt by association. Plus, it's more fun to spend time with those who are enjoying themselves.
- Be jolly, but not overly so. Most people know that too many cocktails at a work function is a recipe for disaster. Yet, that doesn't stop some from overindulging. Limit your alcohol intake.
- Wrap up on a high note. Don't be the first or last to leave the party. When departing, be sure to thank your host and those who worked on the event. A thank-you note is a good idea. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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12. Jean-Paul Osborne	QC, CA	413	169	238	407
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13. Claude Brunelle	BC, CA	424	167	239	406
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Audi's green win

For the second year in a row, Green Car Journal has named a German diesel Green Car of the Year. The 42-mpg Audi A3 TDI topped a field that included three hybrids and two diesels to take the award presented at the Los Angeles Auto Show. **WIRED.COM**

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Outback's come a long way

Mix of wagon and sport-ute Subaru's winning combo

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

Who can forget those mid-'90s ads starring Aussie actor Paul Hogan shilling for some car company you'd never really heard from before? And that Outback thing he was pushing? It promised more room, better handling and less fuel consumption compared to the best-selling Ford Explorers and Jeep Grand Cherokees of the time. Seemed very cheeky for a station wagon on stilts to suggest it could keep up with the traditional body-on-frame SUVs that dominated the sales charts.

The 2010 Subaru Outback was named the Best New SUV/CUV under $35K at the Automotive Journalists Association of Canada Awards.

Fast forward 15 years, and the Outback is hitting its fourth generation in stride, but still maintaining the same mission as before: to offer the space, performance and abilities of a sport-ute in the silhouette and footprint of a station wagon.

The new 2010 Outback — named the Best New SUV/CUV under $35K at the Automotive Journalists Association of Canada Awards — remains based on the Legacy sedan, which means that its footprint is longer and wider than before. Taller too.

Most Outbacks receive power from a revised 2.5-litre four-cylinder boxer engine that produces 170 hp. In the base car, that engine receives a PZEV (Partial Zero Emissions Vehicle) rating, which is ideal for the environmentally conscious crew. The 2.5 receives two new transmissions for 2010: a standard six-speed manual, and the company's new continually variable transmission (CVT). The Lineartronic CVT uses a chain rather than a belt to improve power delivery, and on the road, the standard steering-wheel-mounted paddle shifters give the driver more than enough control on the road.

Since the 2.5-litre turbo engine is gone for 2010, the Outback receives the newly enlarged 3.6-litre six-cylinder producing 256 hp, which only comes with a five-speed automatic transmission.

To tackle the rough stuff, every Outback uses Subaru's full-time "symmetrical" all-wheel drive system, and the revised suspension now rides higher than before, giving more ground clearance than most "real" SUVs. The Outback doesn't feel tippy when driving. In fact, its ability to negotiate rough gravel roads and washouts is highly impressive.

Inside, Subaru has delivered a spacious cabin with improved materials and excellent levels of standard convenience and safety equipment, including a plug-and-play USB audio system. Every Outback delivers huge cargo space thanks to a revised rear suspension that intrudes less into the body.

Pricing starts at $28,995 for the 2.5i PZEV — over $2,000 less than the outgoing '09 — while the 3.6R starts at $35,695.

Subaru has delivered a larger, more capable vehicle with more equipment and are offering it at a lower price. It makes me wonder if we'll see Crocodile Dundee back behind the wheel anytime soon?

2010 Subaru Outback

Type: Sport utility vehicle
Price: from $28,995
Engine: 2.5L four cylinder
HP: 170

Highlights

- Combination of sporty utility and station wagon
- Huge cargo space
- Steady on off-roading

Subaru has delivered a spacious cabin with improved materials and excellent levels of convenience and safety equipment.

2011 Toyota Sienna.

Sienna revamped for 2011

NEW MODEL An all new, third generation, 2011 Toyota Sienna was unveiled recently at the 2009 Los Angeles Auto Show.

The new Sienna continues to be the only vehicle in its segment that offers an all-wheel-drive option — ideal for a changing Canadian climate.

The new model will offer innovative firsts in versatility, refinement, comfort, and entertainment. With the choice of eight models, two powertrains and drivetrains, flexible seating, second row ottoman seating, a wide split-screen entertainment system, and a multi-panel panoramic moonroof, Sienna drivers will be delighted by the made to measure philosophy behind the new model.

"The new Sienna is the perfect vehicle for Canadians with busy lifestyles — those who need a vehicle that can switch effortlessly between several roles, day in and day out," said Warren Orton, director, Toyota Canada Inc.

The Sienna was designed by Toyota's Calty Design Research and developed at Toyota Technical Center in Ann Arbor, Mich.

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Infiniti M unveiled
Infiniti recently unveiled the all-new 2011 Infiniti M sedan. Scheduled to go on sale in Canada in late March 2010, it will be available in two model designations. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

C-word in time of Copenhagen

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz
metronews.ca/autopilot

Canada Customs has just issued a new travel advisory: Don't drag up and down the streets of Copenhagen in a crew-cab pickup with Alberta plates. Maybe even leave your sealskin fur hat at home this time, and certainly keep tire smoking burnouts to a minimum.

Apparently Copenhagen is currently hosting some kind of UN conference about something called "climate change," and many attendees are not blowing kisses in Canada's direction.

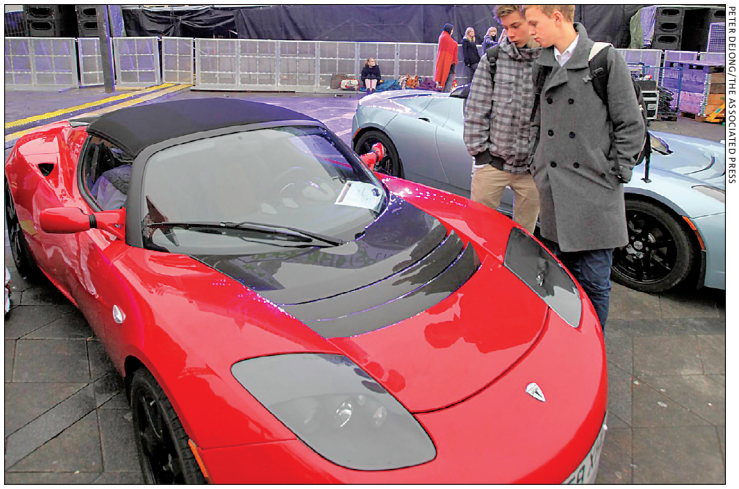
They don't like our tar sands, they don't like it that we've already stated that we'll only sign what the Americans sign, and they particularly don't like the audacity of us publishing an Anne of Green Gables prequel.

An unofficial group made of non-government types, even awarded Canada the first "Fossil of the Day" award, given each day to a country that, in its estimation, is adept at blocking progress at climate summits.

There are lots of flash points to this issue, which could be debated until those methane-producing cows come home, but I'm more interested in how Canadian automobile users feel at this juncture. Do you suddenly feel like you have a target on your bumper? Is this weighing on your soul?

Making choices you can live with has a big bearing on how you feel, and I think drivers sometimes forget that our choices are not limited to driving. The choices we make in other aspects of our lives could even have more impact on global warming than our driving habits.

First, let's go over that carbon dioxide deal again. Carbon dioxide (CO2) is not the only contributor to global warming, but it is by far the biggest one. CO2 is released into the atmosphere by burning fossil fuels, by decaying and/or burning wood, and by disturbances in the soil's carbon-holding organic matter, through erosion, plowing, mining, etc.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People look at the Tesla roadster, an all-electric sports car, on display near the Climate Conference in Copenhagen Monday.

When it comes to man-made causes of CO2, the percentage attributed to passenger cars, pick-up trucks, SUVs, vans, and minivans is about 12-13, according to a 2006 air pollutants study by Environment Canada.

A good-sized chunk, but there other equal or larger chunks — the energy sector accounts for about 52 per cent, transportation (other than light vehicles) accounts for about 13 per cent, agriculture about eight per cent, industry about seven per cent, land use about four per cent, and waste about three per cent.

Some advocate that curtailing air travel would have a huge effect, as it produces lots of CO2, and there are less foreseeable ways of increasing its efficiency (nobody, for instance, seems quite ready to board an electric plane for an overseas flight).

"Do you suddenly feel like you have a target on your bumper?"

It's all about priorities. If you need or love to drive, still do it, but maybe do it a bit more responsibly, and maybe check off a few items from the other list, to balance things out a bit — like take less airplane trips, buy more local products, make your house more efficient, burn less wood in the fireplace.

And maybe make that special effort this year to not set off any huge scrap-tire fires, because, as you know, it all adds up.

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Honda Pilot perfect for families

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MODEL: 2003 to 2008 Honda Pilot
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APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: $13,000 to $30,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: A full-sized sport utility vehicle (SUV), Honda's Pilot's got room for up to eight people, plenty of storage and a towing capacity of over 2,000 kilograms. For Honda drivers with busy families, cottages and power-toys, the Pilot was the machine of choice.

Shopping used? Look for hardware like a sunroof, navigation system, premium audio, heated leather seating and automatic climate control. Pilot trim-level nomenclature saw models labeled LX for entry-level, EX and EX-L for mid-range, and EX-L Navi for top of the line.

Second Gear

Power in all models came from a 3.5 litre VTEC V6 engine which developed either 240 or 244 horsepower depending on the year selected. No V8 was available.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: Most owners love the room, capability and feeling of security the Pilot delivers on the road. A commanding driving position, comfortable ride and reasonably responsive steering and brakes are commonly enjoyed, too.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Common complaints deal with the durability of paint and interior materials. Some owners report paint that chips easily, and leather that's easily scuffed and damaged. Some owners have wished for a telescoping steering column or a more powerful stereo system, too.

A pre-owned Honda Pilot is a great option if you are looking for reliability and plenty of storage.

COMMON ISSUES: Check front footwell carpeting for moisture, as there have been several reports of a water leak into the passenger compartment. Wet carpeting can cause mildew, mold and rust to the floor beneath.

Check for proper operation of all interior accessories, paying special attention to both the front and rear climate-control blower motors. These should turn on quickly and be free of questionable sounds.

Also, note that Pilot's engine uses a timing belt which needs periodic replacement. Be sure the timing belt in your used Pilot isn't overdue for a change.

THE VERDICT: Pilot lacks V8 power and has a few issues to watch for, but one could certainly do worse in the reliability department where a large family hauler is concerned.

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The best ski resorts for non-skiers

Skiers want nothing but to be on the slopes this time of year. But what if they bring friends or family along who don't ski? Shermans Travel has come up with a list of 10 of the best ski resorts in the world for non-skiers. Check it out at shermansttravel.com. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Travel

In less than a New York minute

The Best of New York In Just 10 Seconds is a select guide to the best places to stay, eat, shop and explore in Manhattan. The guide offers tips on how to uncovers local treasures, or to plan the perfect, well-rounded vacation. The guide is available online at just10seconds.com and will be available as an iPhone and Blackberry application in early 2010. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Cruising into the Central American past

Far from the movie 2012, ancient Mayan culture comes alive at Altun Ha's sacrificial temple

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Returning from Belize, the Norwegian Pearl stops for the day at its private beach in the Bahamas.

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The Mayan guide speaks to visitors at Altun Ha's major temple.

It's hard to compete with Bingo. Especially on a cruise ship.

For us, illustrated lectures about upcoming countries and ports are just as important as evening entertainment and fine dining. But on a recent cruise to Central America the always popular Bingo games seemed to coincide with the fascinating lectures by Jim Forrester, an historian from Hamilton, Ont.

Forrester just shrugged his shoulders and said, "That's life," as he enthusiastically presented his illustrated talks about Central America to the couple of dozen guests who appreciated his knowledge of the history and geography of Honduras, Guatemala and Belize.

We chose the Norwegian Pearl for the cruise out of Miami mainly because its itinerary was not the usual Caribbean circuit of tropical islands with endless jewellery stores and souvenir shops. Professor Forrester was particularly enthusiastic about our stop at Belize City, the largest community in the country formerly known as British Honduras. Belize is the only English speaking country in Central or South America.

"The British took over a coastal pirate hideout in the mid-1600s," Forrester said. "They used the town as a base to send mahogany and other precious wood overseas and it grew into a major port. Compared with Honduras, the country is quite prosperous and children are well fed and well educated. "

Many cruise ship passengers joined us for a 50 km bus ride to the remarkable ruins at Altun Ha. Altun Ha became famous in 1968 when Canadian archaeologist Dr. David Pendergast discovered a jaede head in a tomb. Now known to represent the Mayan Sun God, the jade head is valued at $60 million and is locked in a bank vault in Belize City. Our guide, Ken, who takes pride in being 90 per cent Mayan, told us that the Jade Head will likely never be displayed for the public. "Officials are terrified it will be stolen," he said. "Only VIPs have seen it."

Still, at Altun Ha, there is a lot to be seen as excavation continues around a plaza and thirteen remarkable structures have been unearthed, the tallest of which is the 20 metre Temple of Masonry Altar. A steep, single staircase leads to the top of the alter where major religious ceremonies took place.

"In all Mayan communities, the higher the building the closer you are to the gods," Ken told us. "But this site is unique. There is evidence of animal sacrifice here but none that shows human sacrifice. Maybe people were happy and felt no need to sacrifice humans. We just don't know."

Back on the Norwegian Pearl, hotel manager Dallas Easterley gives much of the credit for the line's cruise to executive chef Neil Allem of Toronto.

Norwegian Cruise Line generally attracts middle class families or those on a modest budget. But it compares very favourably with the higher end lines. We were impressed not only by the Central America itinerary but by the attention to detail on the ship. We're just not sure about the Bingo.

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Unrivalled access to Florida's Everglades

TOUR Jesse Kennon's day begins at 6:30 a.m., as he opens up Coopertown's only bait and tackle shop.

He heads to the only restaurant, where the lunch menu includes alligator tail and frog legs, to make sure the kitchen is ready.

He is then off to spend the day giving air boat rides through the Florida Everglades.

Kennon, or Mayor as they call him here, runs Coopertown, which is less than an hour from Miami but consists of only eight residents — his immediate family.

Still, this town that started in 1945 when Kennon's family first offered air boat tours has turned into a major player in South Florida tourism, attracting about 50,000 visitors a year.

"What we do here is try to show you the beauty and the majestic part of the Everglades," said Kennon, who wears gold-plated alligator jewelry on his neck and another on his ring finger.

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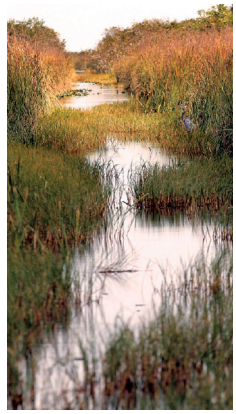
Air boat tours offer unrivalled access to the Everglades.

Original air boat tours

The original air boat tours show visitors alligators in their natural habitat. The rides are smooth, not bumpy or splashy as some would expect, almost as if you were gliding on 30 cms of water.



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While on the ride you will catch hints of different aromas: sweetness from the basil trees, a soft grass smell from the freshwater river.

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Avoid Timbuktu
Travel warnings continued to be issued for Mali. After continued terrorism and kidnapping threats, travel agencies are urging tourists to avoid Timbuktu, which is located in the northern part of the country. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Revelstoke getting recognition

Ski.com has added Revelstoke Mountain Resort, a new ski destination in British Columbia, to its top 100 list.

Revelstoke, described by Ski.com as the newest resort in North America, also claims the continent's biggest vertical, up to 18 metres of snow annually, more than 1,200 hectares of lift-serviced terrain and an additional 202,000 hectares of helicopter and snowcat skiing.

It's located in the Monashee and Selkirk mountains in southeastern British Columbia, with a 1,713-metre vertical rise and the longest ski run available anywhere in North America, which goes for 15 kms.

Revelstoke also offers ski-in, ski-out accommodations at Nelsen Lodge at the base of Mount Mackenzie.

Ski.com's deals include five nights at Nelsen in a two-bedroom and four-day lift tickets, from $890 per person on quadruple occupancy, available Jan. 5-23

Visit revelstoke.ski.com for more information about the resort

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Revelstoke offers the longest ski route in North America.

Jersey Shore nothing like MTV's show

TRAVEL It's not summertime and it's nothing like the MTV reality show. But the Jersey Shore does offer plenty to do for visitors this time of year: Main Street shopping, outlet malls and holiday activities.

Jersey Shore Premium Outlets in Tinton Falls and Jackson Premium Outlets in Jackson both have bus departures from Manhattan's Port Authority and NJ Transit stops. For Main Street shopping, check out Cookman Avenue in Asbury Park and the downtowns of Ocean Grove, Toms River, Spring Lake, and Red Bank. For antiques, hit Point Pleasant Beach for the Antique Emporium, Fond Memories Antiques and Canvas House Antiques.

To make a weekend out of it, boutique hotels include Blue Bay Inn in Atlantic Highlands, the Victorian style Majestic B&B in Ocean Grove, and the Oyster Point and Molly Pitcher Inn in Red Bank. The outlet malls also have shop and stay deals with over two dozen area hotels; details at premiumoutlets.com.

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Britain's easyJet cutting flights

AIRPORT Low-cost airline easyJet PLC says it is closing its operations at a regional British airport and cutting capacity at its home base of London's Luton airport by 20 per cent.

The airline operated 10 routes to Prague, Nice, Venice, Faro, Barcelona, Alicante, Malaga, Ibiza, Palma and Geneva.

Passengers booked to travel after Jan. 5 will be offered either a free transfer to another easyJet flight or a refund. The 20 per cent capacity reduction at Luton means the airline will cease to operate routes to Athens, Cagliari and Vienna, and reduce frequencies on other routes.

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Pay for experience

When looking for a guide on scuba diving tours, it's best to pay a little more for an experienced diver. Not only is it safer to go with an established instructor, they will be able to show you the little known treasures in the area. METRO NEWS SERVICES

METRO WORLD NEWS

Philly's downtown night life has seen a revival in recent years.

Philadelphia more than just cheese steaks now

ON THE CHEAP For travelers on a budget, Philadelphia's nitty gritty tendencies can come in handy.

Art and Culture

There are plenty of museums and galleries here that are worth every penny — the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Academy of Natural Sciences, and the Mutter Museum, to just scratch the surface — but if you're in town on a first Friday, the city's historic Old City district hosts a completely free open gallery night.

Dining

A Philly soft pretzel will only set you back pocket change, but plenty of the city's fine dining mainstays are offering affordable menus these days. Even if you don't land here on a Restaurant Week (during which neighborhoods offer pre-fixe meals) you'll find good food for cheap.

Shopping

While Old City and Center City host most of Philadelphia's upscale boutiques, the quirky South Street shopping district throws in some priceless people watching opportunities. Also, be sure to check out the mosaic murals of local artists Isaiah Zagar while you walk through. MONICA WEYMOUTH/ METRO WORLD NEWS

METRO WORLD NEWS

Philadelphia's Liberty Bell.

Top 3 for free

1 **Arts:** The Philadelphia Museum of Art is an unbelievable work of architecture that hosts a gigantic and first-class collection. It's free on the first Sunday of any month.

2 **History:** Here's the thing about the Liberty Bell: It's basically just a bell with a big crack in it. It is, however, free and open to the public every day and Philly likes it.

3 **Culture:** You can rack up a big bill on cheeses and chocolates in the Italian Market, but a walk through is almost as much fun. Between the sights, smells, and rambunctious Eagles fans, it's a priceless tour.

Decompression effect

Unwind at a scuba diver's paradise on Bonaire

On a slow ascent to the surface of the water from 18 m down, the divemaster spots something thrilling along the reef and extends her hand, all five fingers wiggling excitedly. It's a signal that can only mean one thing: octopus!

Scuttling around coral, the octopus quickly scrunches up into an eight-armed torpedo and squirts away. Soon, it stops to unfold itself on a sandy patch of the reef — almost as if to pose the best side of its bulbous, mushy head. Then, it camouflages into the seascape right before our eyes.

It's a surprise to see how quickly the shape-shifter fades into the reef's backdrop. But surprises tend to be the norm in this unique marine park, with a plentiful array of coral, fish and sea creatures. It doesn't take many dives to find validation in the words on vehicle license plates back on land, dubbing Bonaire Diver's Paradise.

With more than 350 species of fish on a reef that circles small island, divers tend to focus on making the most of water visibility that can extend to about 30m in mostly calm waters.

The predominant recreational activity here often requires the silent communication of hand signals and it's a quiet that's also often present on land.

Bonaire lacks loud discos, and there's little demand for 2 a.m. last calls. The island offers some nightlife with waterside restaurants, a small casino with $5 minimum blackjack and bars with acoustic guitar players. But the bright lights you'll see here at night will most likely be coming from underwater, as divers search for small nocturnal sea creatures near shore.

Still, beyond diving and snorkeling, this small sleepy island 80 kms north of Venezuela has plenty of other activities to enjoy while decompressing for the next dive, or even if you don't dive at all.

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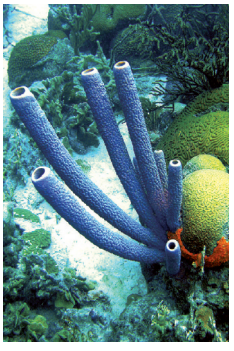
What Bonaire lacks in clubs, it makes up for in great dive spots.



Bonaire, which is part of the Netherlands Antilles along with Aruba and Curacao, also offers big opportunities for sport fishing. Tuna, marlin and tarpon are among common targets, while fresh wahoo often is advertised on boards outside of restaurants.

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If you go

- High season is Dec. 15-April 14. Departures include service from Miami, Newark, JFK, Houston and Amsterdam, though some flights are offered on a weekly basis or only during peak winter season.
- Check out Captain Don's $29 for shore diving (covers equipment), $50 for a boat dive, $15 for snorkel or boat ride, $47 for cave tours.

Blunt instrument
Emily Blunt is learning to play the ukulele. The actress — who stars as Princess of Lilliputia in new movie Gulliver's Travels — has taken up the guitar-like instrument after seeing co-stars Jack Black and Billy Connolly play it on set. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

Back to The Hills
Audrina Patridge has officially signed on to star in the next season of The Hills. After weeks of negotiations, she will return to the show that made her famous.
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Film legend comes to life

Me and Orson Wells depicts director at the peak of his creative power

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Richard Linklater is an unpredictable director who has created a variety of very different films over his 18-year career; ranging from the psychedelic philosophy essay Waking Life, to the melancholic high school comedy Dazed And Confused and the family-friendly Jack Black vehicle School Of Rock.

"Like any person I'm interested in a lot of things and I try not to limit myself as a filmmaker," Linklater told Metro.

"If I'm interested in something, I'm always looking for a way to try and express it on film. That's kind of the prism that I see life through."

His latest movie, Me And Orson Welles, is the story of a young boy who stumbles into Orson Welles' famous 1937 production of Julius Caesar and gets a crash course on life and theater from the larger than life personality.

British actor Christian McKay and teen heartthrob Zac Efron star in Me And Orson Wells.

For Linklater it was a chance to explore Orson Welles without being dragged down by the conventions of a biopic.

"The biopic is a lame genre and hard to pull off," said Linklater. "Orson Welles is just too big to contain in a single film and it would be foolish to try. I felt more confident about biting off a small piece and focusing on one week in his life in 1937."

By focusing on this period, Linklater was able to depict Welles at the peak of his creative power and success, while hinting at the flaws that would lead to his eventual downfall.

"You can look at this movie and you can see the genius, but you can also see the seeds of destruction," said Linklater. "The full labyrinth that was Orson Welles is on display and you can project onto it anything you want"

It's a surprisingly complex portrait of Welles and one that required an immensely talented actor to take on the challenging role. Fortunately Linklater was able to find the previously unknown British actor Christian McKay, who captures Welles better than any actor has before.

"From here on it's sort of scorched Earth," quipped Linklater. "You'd be crazy to play Orson after Christian McKay because who could ever combine not only the physical resemblance, but the verve and depth that he brings to it. It felt like a gift from the film gods that we were able to find him."

Linklater lucked out with McKay and was also able to land teenie bopper favourite Zac Efron to lend the movie a star name as the innocent young protagonist who is burned and inspired by Welles. The result is, typically for Linklater, unlike anything he's done before, while still retaining the intelligence and character-driven storytelling that defines his best work.

Movie **feature**

Me And Orson Welles is in theatres on Friday

Kristen Wiig to host SNL Christmas

Wiig

TV Kristen Wiig's recurring character Gilly might not seemed filled with holiday cheer, yet NBC is turning to her to host a Saturday Night Live Christmas special.

SNL Presents: A Very Gilly Christmas will air Dec. 17. The two-hour special, will be led by Wiig's Gilly, an ever-smiling Annie-lookalike who delights in violent mischief.

The special will feature new sketches with Gilly and highlights of classic holiday SNL sketches.

Wiig, roundly considered a standout performer on the NBC sketch comedy show, has built Gilly into a popular character.

Alec Baldwin and Steve Martin will also make guest appearances on the special to help introduce clips they've appeared in as hosts, including Baldwin in NPR's Delicious Dish and the Schweddy Balls and Martin in A Holiday Wish.

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CBS cancels soap opera As the World Turns

CBS cancelled As the World Turns yesterday, putting the company that coined the phrase "soap opera"' out of the business of making daytime dramas for the first time in 76 years.

As the World Turns has been on the air since 1956 and televised its 13,661st episode yesterday. Its last episode will be next September, the network said.

It's the second daytime drama CBS has cancelled in a year, after Guiding Light. Both shows were produced by a subsidiary of Procter&Gamble, the company for which the term "soap opera" was created because it used the shows to hawk products like Ivory soap and Duz laundry detergent.

Daytime dramas have been fading as a genre for years, with more women joining the work force and the increased number of channels offering alternatives like news, talk, reality and game shows. In tough economic times, paying casts, producers and writers proved prohibitive to networks when there were cheaper alternatives.

"I'm just very sad. I'm sad for all of the people who work out there in Brooklyn (where the show is filmed). We're a family. I hate to be split up. It's like a divorce."
Eileen Fulton

The cancellation will leave CBS with only two daytime dramas: The Young and the Restless and The Bold and Beautiful.

Through the years, actors Marisa Tomei, Meg Ryan, Parker Posey and James Earl Jones have appeared on As the World Turns. The show follows families in the Illinois town of Oakdale.

"It's a hell of a Christmas present," said actress Eileen Fulton, who will mark 50 years playing the character Lisa Grimaldi on the show. Her character has been through nine marriages and Fulton was hoping for a 10th before the signoff.

"I'm just very sad," she said. "I'm sad for all of the people who work out there in Brooklyn (where the show is filmed). We're a family. I hate to be split up. It's like a divorce."

Brian Cahill, senior vice-president and managing director of the P&G subsidiary TeleNext Media Inc., said the company is actively seeking a new outlet to carry the show.

TeleNext said the same thing about Guiding Light, which went off the air in September, but has been unable to find a new home. Keeping the show alive online has been discussed, but that's an alternative where cost may prove prohibitive.

Eileen Fulton

Procter&Gamble first began producing soap operas in 1933 with the radio show Ma Perkins, and has made a total of 20 such programs in its history.

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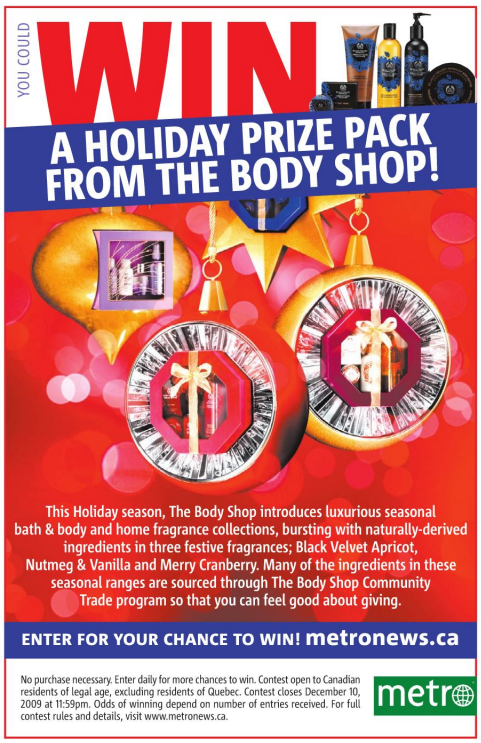

Leona's private concert

Leona Lewis was reportedly paid $150,000 US for a private concert. The singer was flown by private jet to Monte Carlo for the birthday party of Romania's richest man on Saturday. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Hollywood the new grinch?

Fewer festive films released and less audience appeal in recent years

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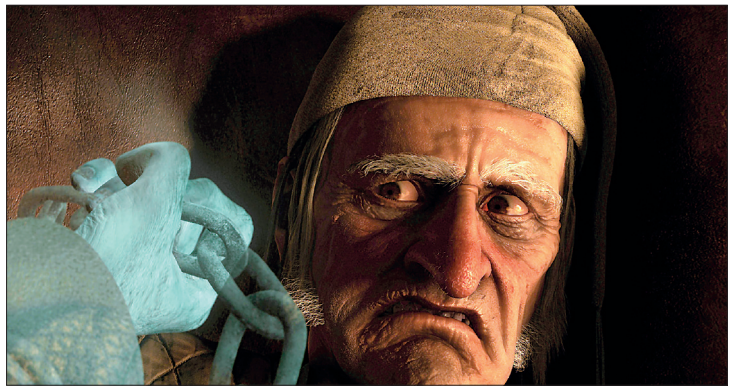

The new high-tech adaptation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol took in $30 million its opening weekend, a disappointment when compared to holiday movies of years past.

If Robert Zemeckis can't save the Christmas film, who can?

The director of 2004's holiday hit The Polar Express, which went on to make $180 million worldwide, is having a hard time pushing his new high-tech adaptation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. The film, which cost $200 million US to make, only took in $30 million its opening weekend, disappointing Disney's expectations (by comparison, Universal's 2000 release The Grinch, also voiced by Jim Carrey, took in more than $260 million worldwide).

And it's not like viewers are going to see other festive films; the only other holiday-themed movie being released this season is Everybody's Fine. So what gives? Where is this year's Four Christmases?

"Over the last couple of years, Hollywood has not seen 'This is Christmas'-type movies win over audiences. And once failure is evident, the knee-jerk is to go another way," says Richard Laermer, author of 2011: Trendspotting for the Next Decade. (Remember Fred Claus? Yeah, neither do we).

So it seems like the studios are launching the blockbusters instead — films such as 2012, Avatar and The Princess and the Frog — this Christmas season to keep audiences happy.

And as it turns out, the studios haven't lost their holiday spirit — they're just focusing on a different one. "There is a dearth of holiday films in 2009 because the big trend is the 'group star movie,' thanks to the ridiculous success of He's Just Not That Into You," says Laermer. "All the studio eggs are in films like next year's Valentine's Day, which stars one type of actor for each segment — everyone from the two Taylors (Lautner and Swift), Ashton (Kutcher), Julia Roberts, Anne Hathaway and Shirley MacLaine."

Xmas cash

A movie for each of the 12 days of Christmas, and their box office take, according to Box Office Mojo.

1. Home Alone (1990): $285,761,243
2. How the Grinch Stole Christmas (2000): $260,044,825
3. The Polar Express (2004): $180,806,128
4. Elf (2003): $173,398,518
5. The Santa Claus (1994): $144,833,357
6. Four Christmases (2008): $120,146,040
7. Christmas with the Kranks (2004): $73,780,5398
8. Fred Claus (2007): $72,006,777
9. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989): $71,319,526
10. Jingle All the Way (1996): $60,592,389
11. Bad Santa (2003): $60,060,328
12. The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993): $50,003,043

DOROTHY ROBINSON

Elton hurt by rejection

Elton John

PEOPLE Elton John's partner says the musician was devastated that he wasn't allowed to adopt an HIV-positive Ukrainian toddler, but plans to support the boy anyway.

The 62-year-old pop star met 14-month-old Lev at a home for HIV-positive children in September. But he was refused permission to adopt the boy because he was too old and not married.

John's partner David Furnish said Tuesday the couple was "massively gutted" by the rejection.

Furnish told BBC radio they were working to ensure Lev and his brother "have the best health care, education and family options available to them."

John and Furnish tied the knot in 2005 in a civil union in Britain. Ukrainian authorities do not recognize gay unions as marriage.

Furnish said the couple would campaign for a change in Ukrainian law.

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In brief

TELEVISION A VH1 reality series that promises an inside look at the lives of NBA players' wives and girlfriends is set to air early next year. VHI said Monday that Basketball Wives will show the upside of the women's lives — big homes, designer clothes and jewelry — and the drawbacks, including worries about whether their husbands are being faithful on roadtrips. Shaquille O'Neal's wife, Shaunie, will be featured and is an executive producer. She filed last month for legal separation with intent to divorce, citing irreconcilable differences.

MUSIC A former manager of The Fray says the band owes his company more than $750,000 in commission and expenses.

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Kenya's Style
Kenya Hunt
Exclusively at metronews.ca/globalstyle

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Law & Order: Special Victims Unit

Following the deaths of three children, Fin (Ice-T) realizes they were all "anchor babies" of immigrant families, and he reaches out to the Center of Immigrant Services, which has been inundated with hate mail fanned by a talk show host who hates foreigners. It isn't long before he witnesses a fight between immigration lawyer Randall Carver (guest star John Larroquette) and a fan (guest star Thomas Sadoski) of the talk show host in "Anchor." 9 PM on 9 NBC

Greg Frewin Magic Man: Home for the Holidays

Homegrown illusionist Frewin has made plenty of television appearances, but this new special is his first one-man show. Taped at his theater in Niagara Falls, Ont., it gives viewers a behind-the-scenes peek at what goes into his performances — no secrets revealed, though! — and culminates in one of his biggest, wildest illusions yet. 9 PM on 8 CBC

From Breakfast Club cutie to convicted killer

Anthony Michael Hall returns to primetime as a killer in a guest spot on CBS' CSI: Miami, people.com reports. In the episode airing next year, Hall will play a charismatic former emergency room doctor who is now a convicted murderer. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Rihanna dreams of the silver screen

SONGSTRESS TO ACTRESS Rihanna has revealed she has a naughty streak and gets a thrill from trying new things. "I'm a bad girl and I like dangerous stuff." The 21-year-old beauty is keen to transfer her love of danger onto the big screen. Earlier in the year, the hitmaker had a string of meetings with film bosses and was believed to be in line to star in a remake of The Bodyguard. Rihanna was also thought to be looking into working on a Charlie's Angels sequel and a project with Justin Timberlake.

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Cyrus bares belly in front of the Queen

HELLO YOUR HIGHNESS, MEET MY BELLY BUTTON Miley Cyrus was anything but reserved when meeting the Queen at Monday's Royal Variety Awards in London, usmagazine.com reports. Cyrus, 17, sported tiny leather hotpants and a crop top while performing at the star-studded event.

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Mirren doesn't mind being naked

DISROBING FOR DRAMA Helen Mirren admits she's much more comfortable going without clothes onscreen. "It's more to do with the role." says the 64-year-old actress, according to Showbiz Spy.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Thurman is manless again

BREAKUP BLUES Uma Thurman is single again, people.com reports. The actress broke off her year-long engagement to Swiss multimillionaire Arpad (Arki) Busson on Nov. 15. "The engagement ended awhile back — almost two months ago," says a source. "They remain friends."

The couple began dating in the summer of 2007, and one year later, Busson proposed with an eight-plus carat engagement ring.

Just don't expect to see that ring on Thurman's finger anytime soon. "She will probably give it back," says the source.

"She wants to return everything that is his."

Perhaps their long-distance love affair was a factor. In September, Thurman, 39, admitted she wasn't planning to marry her London-based fiancé anytime soon.

"I'm happily engaged but we haven't set a wedding up," she told W magazine.

"I'm not in a rush to do anything. One day we'll do it, when we're ready.

"We can't live anywhere else because my children's father lives here. We'll figure it out."

Apparently, Busson is "beside himself" that they weren't able to figure things out, people.com adds.

The businessman has two sons with his former flame, supermodel Elle MacPherson.

Thurman has a son and daughter with ex-husband Ethan Hawke.

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Spellings kiss and make up

IT'S ALL FOR THE CHILDREN After years of feuding, Tori Spelling and her mother Candy Spelling are putting their differences aside for the sake of Tori's kids, people.com reports.

"They have been in communications," Tori's husband Dean McDermott told People.

"Candy has seen the kids, which is what this is all about."

Tori, 36, and Candy, 64, have had a long-standing feud since family patriarch Aaron Spelling died two years ago.

Both wrote tell-all books — each taking jabs at each other.

Tori said she and her "simply never meshed."

And earlier this year Candy wrote a public letter to Tori in response to the season finale of her reality show Tori & Dean: Home Sweet Hollywood. In the finale, Tori agonizes about inviting Candy to her daughter's first birthday party. (Candy doesn't show.)

Candy accused her daughter of using her grandchildren Liam, 2, and Stella, 1, as "reality-show props."

For now, it appears the ice has melted on their relationship.

As for more details, McDermott says his family is staying mum.

"We are keeping all this private like it should be," he says.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Brangelina not adopting for now

SECRET MENTOR While Angelina Jolie's visit to the Middle East with Brad Pitt recently sparked speculation that the power couple was planning to adopt another child, the National Enquire has learned that they were actually visiting seven children Jolie has been secretly supporting for years. "Angelina considers the orphans as her own family. She stays in touch with them and really cares about how they are doing," a source says. "She was giving them advice about life and school."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Musical chairs for the musical stars

IT'S THE SIMPLE PLEASURES Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens hosted a party for the actress's Sucker Punch castmates at Joe Fortes Seafood and Chop House in Vancouver, B.C.

"They played musical chairs, going from table to table to speak with all their friends," a source said.

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Celebrity tweets

Lady Gaga preps to meet royalty, Penn Jillette knows how to have a good time, Stephen Fry can even make blogging sound classy, and Elisabeth Hasselbeck gets her Twitter hijacked by Adam Lambert.

- @ladygaga Nothin like a whiskey, fish + chips in the UK to prepare for the Queen
- @pennjillette Off to LA for the day. A couple of TV pitches and, in between, we'll try dressing a cow like an elephant. There's no business like it.
- @stephenfry Brekkers time: then I really must get down and concentrate on a blog that I've been meaning to post for simply ages...
- @ehasselbeck Hey this is Adam Lambert!!! Elizabeth is lettin me tweet from her phone!!! Me and Liz! Whaaat? :)

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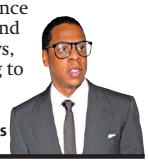
Jay-Z living his own Party Life

DA BIG 4-0 Jay-Z turned 40 in style, with a massive 1920's-themed party in the Dominican Republic featuring an impromptu performance by Jay-Z and Alicia Keys, according to Page Six.



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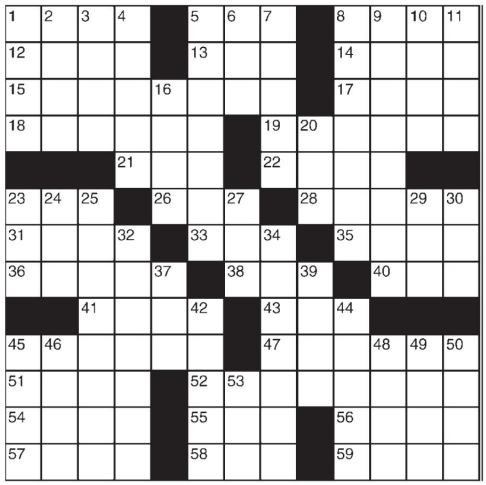

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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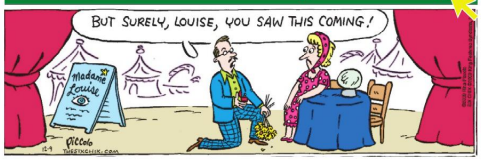

Metro Recipe of the Day

Brie Turkey Pockets with Cabbage and Walnuts

INGREDIENTS:

1 oz (30 g) fresh ginger, peeled and grated
1 dessert apple, peeled, cored and grated
4 thick turkey breasts
5 oz (150 g) brie, cut into 4 wedges
3 tbsp (45 mL) olive oil
1 lb (500 g) green cabbage, finely shredded
8 scallions, sliced
1 3/4 oz (50 g) walnuts, chopped

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 460°F (240°C). Mix ginger and apple. Cut horizontally through each turkey breast (not all the way through). Divide ginger and apple mixture among pockets, then push wedge of cheese into each. Press meat together into shape and push filling evenly in pockets.

2. Put pockets neatly in one layer in shallow ovenproof dish. Brush with 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil and sprinkle with seasoning to taste. Bake until turkey is browned on top and cooked through, and filling is running out in places.

3. Meanwhile, heat remaining oil in large pan and add cabbage, scallions and walnuts. Cook over medium heat, stirring, until cabbage is reduced in volume and lightly cooked. Add seasoning to taste. Transfer pockets to plates. Add some cabbage to each plate and serve immediately.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
The Sun in Sagittarius at this time of year will introduce you to new ways of thinking and new ways of making sense of the world..

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
With Venus, your ruler, transiting the wealth area of your chart at the moment you have no choice but to focus on what you earn.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Venus in the partnership area of your chart makes it easy to get along with all kinds of people

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Something unexpected will happen today, something that casts doubts on your long-term ambitions.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
This is one of the best times of the year for you and whatever decisions you take over the next few days they are sure to work out for the best.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You need to be more open with partners and loved ones and relatives. Find the right words to convey your feelings and then just say them.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Even if you are the kind of Libra who tends to be inhibited in social situations you will have a lot of fun today.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Common sense should tell you that your winning streak is going to end sooner or later, so now would be a good time to cash in some of your chips.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Your luck is well and truly in at the moment, so take a few risks over the next 24 hours – in fact take as many as you like.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
At this time of year you may have all sorts of dreams and desires, but you must be realistic about them.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Sometimes it can be all too easy to get carried away and start thinking you can do things that are physically impossible.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Do you want to be recognized as you walk down the street? Now is the time to start doing the things that will make it happen.

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1793 – New York City's first daily newspaper, the American Minerva, is established by Noah Webster.
1851 – The first YMCA in North America is established in Montreal, Quebec.
1905 – In France, the law separating church and state is passed.
1960 – The first episode of Britain's longest running television soap opera Coronation Street is broadcast.
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